

SPONSORS

Our journey in faith in the Catholic Church is never taken alone. One of the people important to us in the process of becoming a fully initiated member of the community through Confirmation is our sponsor. The word sponsor means “one who promises to help, one who takes on a responsibility for someone.” Just as you had godparents when you were baptized, you will choose a sponsor for your Confirmation.

The sponsor should guide the candidate in learning:

how to pray

how to witness

how to recognize the workings of the Holy Spirit

more about the Catholic faith

more about the parish

how to participate in parish life

how to overcome bad habits and attitudes

Ideally, your Confirmation sponsor will be one of your Baptismal sponsors, because he or she has been important in helping you to grow as a faithful member of the Church. In fact, the Church encourages you to choose one of your godparents. As you celebrate Confirmation, your sponsor will stand beside you as someone who has supported you and who will continue to help you on your journey of faith.

Your sponsor must:

*be a practicing Catholic (other than your parent) who has sufficient maturity for this role.

*a fully initiated Catholic who lives a Christian way of life.

(Catholics who are not Confirmed, who were not married by a priest, or who have left the Catholic Church **CANNOT** be sponsors).

*someone who takes an active interest in your faith life.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Fr. Ray or myself.