

Qualities of a Confirmation Sponsor

The sponsor is an invaluable *assistant* to parents in transmitting the faith. The sponsor needs to be able to fulfill several requirements:

- The Church requires that the sponsor be an active practicing Catholic who has already celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation. The Church recognizes that a person cannot give what a person does not have.
- It is important that the sponsor be more mature, more informed, and more experienced in the ways of our faith and culture than the candidate.
- The sponsor should be a person who already has a relationship of trust with the candidate and in whom the candidate can confide.
- It is recommended that the sponsor be an older person who has some experience with his or her faith and, hence, a clearer perspective from which to speak. The minimum age of a sponsor is 16.
- **The sponsor should be available to meet with the candidate on a regular basis** prior to the celebration of Confirmation; and to make a commitment to continue their faith journey after the celebration of Confirmation.
- The sponsor needs to be willing and **able to attend all four sponsor meetings** and the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation (see dates listed below).
- The sponsor is one who is willing to share his or her faith with the candidate.
- **Parents cannot sponsor their own children.** The sponsor is an assistant to the parents who are the primary educators of the faith for the candidate.
- We highly recommend the sponsor prays daily for the candidate and encourages the candidate to honor the service commitments.
- The sponsor needs to be an open, honest, caring, committed, and encouraging person who will help the candidate come to a deeper appreciation of God in his or her life.

Mandatory dates for sponsors to place on their calendars:

- 1st Candidate/Sponsor Meeting in GS– September 13th, 11:45-1:45
- 2nd Candidate/Sponsor Meeting in GS – October 18th, 11:45-1:45
- 3rd Candidate/Sponsor Meeting in GS – December 13th, 11:45-1:45
- 4th Candidate/Sponsor Meeting in GS – February 21st, 11:45-1:45
- **CONFIRMATION @ Rosary Cathedral – March 7th, 2027, 3:00PM**
 - *Fulfills Sunday obligation*

Sponsor Commitment

I accept the honor of being the confirmation sponsor for _____,
who is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation with St. Peter Parish. I
understand the importance of my responsibility to mentor this teenager along his/her
faith journey.

I am a registered and participating member of the Catholic Faith Community of
_____(name of church).

I affirm that:

I am a Confirmed Catholic in good standing with the Church
I regularly attend and participate in Catholic Mass
I am striving to live out the gospel message in my daily life
I am striving to grow in the understanding of my Catholic faith
I will give support to my confirmation candidate by:

- * Meeting regularly to discuss "Decision Point" lessons
- * Attending all three Parent / Candidate / Sponsor meetings
- * Attending Mass together whenever possible
- * Discussing how works of charity done for Confirmation should lead to
a lifetime of service towards others
- * Praying together for spiritual growth and any concerns that are shared in
your regular meetings
- * Being an example of what it means to be Christian

We thank you for your commitment!

(Sponsor's signature)

(Your Pastor's signature)

Sponsor's Name (please print): _____

Relationship to Candidate: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (please include area code): _____

Email: _____