CONFIRMATION SPONSORS SELECTION CRITERIA

**** Your Confirmation Sponsor needs to be selected no later than October 22, 2025 ****

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A SPONSOR

Your sponsor is to be someone you look up to and have admiration for in matters of their Faith and how they live their Faith in relationship to others. They are to be for you a witness of Christian character – a mentor for how to live and struggle with the gospel message. Your selection is to be a representative for the Catholic Faith Community.

CHURCH LAW – Requirements [Canon 893 ct Canon 874]

* A sponsor must be at least 18 years old, unless a different age has been established by diocesan bishop. (Superior Diocese will allow a sponsor to be 17 years old in special circumstances)
* A sponsor must be fully initiated Catholic (one who has celebrated baptism, confirmation and Eucharist) who "leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken."
* A sponsor **may not be** the parent of the one to be confirmed.
* Canon 893 also states that "it is desirable that the one who undertook the role of sponsor at baptism be sponsor for confirmation."
* If married, must be married validly in the Catholic Church

CHARACTERISTICS and RELATIONSHIP OF A SPONSOR

* A person who has tried in their own life to model their Christian beliefs.
* Have a positive and comfortable relationship with the candidate.
* Have a willingness and capacity to engage in the Confirmation process.
* Have an openness that allows both candidate and sponsor to share and communicate about their faith so that each will find their faith life enhanced.
* Resident of the area to insure consistent involvement throughout the Confirmation process, (if possible, the sponsor be a member of Holy Rosary, Good Shepherd, Our Lady of Perpetual Help or Sacred Heart Parish).

SPONSOR INVOLVEMENT

* Spend time with your candidate to go over each of the topics given in this handbook.
* Attend two Wednesday evening classes with student.
  (unless travel distance make this requirement unreasonable, then the candidate should find an alternate to sit in on the two classes)
* Plan and accomplish service projects together, only if your candidate needs your help.
* Letter from your parish stating you are a member in good-standing (if you are not a member of Holy Rosary, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Good Shepherd or Sacred Heart) – **due Dec. 18, 2024.**
* Attend Confirmation practice, **in Church. (to be announced…)**
* Participate in the celebration of the sacrament on **date and time to be determined**

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SPONSOR INFORMATION for _____
Confirmation candidate's name

Complete this section once you have selected your sponsor, and submit this form to the Religious Education Office by October 22, 2025.

Sponsor's Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip code