



GUIDELINES FOR CHOOSING A MENTOR/SPONSOR

The time has arrived for selecting someone to walk with you in your faith journey towards Confirmation and beyond. The parish is here to assist in this selection process and ensure that all mentors/sponsors are suited to the role outlined in the Diocese of Baton Rouge guidelines.

Two areas must be understood regarding the choice of sponsors: responsibility and qualifications. The mentor/sponsor is responsible for being present during the sacrament celebration, presenting the candidate to the bishop for anointing, and later helping them fulfill their baptismal promises faithfully under the influence of the Holy Spirit, whom they have received. Therefore, the Church desires that, if possible, one of the baptismal godparents be the mentor/sponsor for Confirmation. This emphasizes the intimate relationship between Baptism and Confirmation.

Choose a Confirmation Mentor/Sponsor Who...

- ✓ is sixteen or older
- ✓ is a confirmed Catholic who receives Eucharist
- ✓ if married, in a valid Catholic Marriage
- ✓ lives as a faithful Catholic
- ✓ is not a parent/guardian of this candidate

What should you look for in a Mentor/Sponsor? Someone who:

- ✓ can share their own faith experiences
- ✓ is a good listener and can be a friend for the faith journey that the candidate will be undertaking in the coming months

The mentor/sponsor is more than someone you want to honor or flatter. This is a serious decision on your part, and the sponsor plays a very important role in your preparation. Once a mentor/sponsor is selected, the candidate is asked to give their sponsor the "**Confirmation Sponsor Eligibility Form**" in your folder on the left-hand side pocket. If the sponsor is a parishioner of Holy Rosary, they do not need to have it signed by Fr. Matt. Instead, we will verify their eligibility. **If the mentor/sponsor is a parishioner of another church parish, the Pastor's signature and church seal are required on the form.**

Please have your mentor/sponsor return this form to Holy Rosary's Religious Education Office by **the due date**.

If you have any questions regarding sponsor eligibility, don't hesitate to contact the Religious Education Office at achildress@olohr.com or 225-647-3696.