

FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Sponsor Information

Why a Sponsor?

From the earliest days of the Church, those seeking communion with the Church were supported by specific people chosen from the community. At your Baptism those significant people were your parents and Godparents (your Baptismal sponsors) who promised that you would be raised in the faith. They professed their faith because you could not speak for yourself. Your parents accepted the responsibility of training you in the practice of the Catholic faith. Your Godparents promised to help your parents. In Confirmation you will speak for yourself; you will renew your Baptismal promises. You will be supported by a sponsor who will stand with you and present you to the Bishop for Confirmation.

Role of a Sponsor

The person you ask to be your sponsor should know you well enough to be able to testify, by his or her presence before the community, that you are someone who wishes to be fully incorporated into the Church as a believing, practicing Catholic; that you are one who take part faithfully in the church's worship, witness and mission. When you are anointed with the chrism during the Confirmation your sponsor will be beside you with a hand placed on your shoulder. This is a sign of your spiritual relationship.

Choosing a Sponsor

The Church encourages you to choose, if possible, one of your Baptismal Godparents to be your sponsor for Confirmation because this expresses more clearly the link between your Baptism and Confirmation. If you have not yet chosen your sponsor, now is an excellent time to think about your choice. Ask yourself:

- Is this person a baptized Catholic who has received Eucharist and been Confirmed?
- Is this person a practicing Catholic who participates in the Eucharistic celebration every Sunday?
- Does this person live a good Catholic life?
- Is the person at least 16 years of age?
- Is this person someone with whom you feel comfortable?
- Does this person live near enough to you to be able to truly be a guide and a support?
- Will this person be willing and able to be your sponsor, to take an active role in your faith life?

Important Sponsor Information

Sponsor should go to his/her parish office to obtain sponsor certificates.

If sponsor is from St. Margaret Mary Parish we can obtain the necessary certificate information.