

Guidelines for Choosing a Sponsor

The person whom you choose as a sponsor should be someone you respect, admire and look up to. It should be a person with whom you will have a lifelong relationship of friendship and trust. Choose someone with whom you will connect with.

Your sponsor has a special role in your journey of confirmation, and it is his/her role to lead, guide, support and help you. Your sponsor must have the following qualifications from the Church:

- ❖ Must be someone who has received his/her Confirmation and other Sacraments (Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist)
- ❖ Must be someone who is practicing his/her faith. If he/she is not from St. Vincent de Paul Parish, they must get a letter from the parish they attend stating that they are a practicing Catholic. This is a standard procedure in parishes. All they need to do is call their parish and speak with the parish secretary to obtain this letter.
- ❖ Sponsors who belong to St. Vincent de Paul parish do not need a letter. We will check if they are practicing as a Catholic at our parish.
- ❖ If married, the person must be in a valid marriage in the church, not a civil marriage.
- ❖ The person **MUST** be Catholic...not of another Christian denomination.

Note: the due date is posted on a separate sheet. It is important that this form be submitted promptly and on time.

If you have questions, please contact Sr. Joanne at (716) 803-6049 or sisterjoanne@yahoo.com