Sponsor's Form due Feb. 17, 2027

How to choose a CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

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1. Must be a practicing, Confirmed Catholic who continually strives to live a Christian life. "The sponsor should regularly participate in the sacramental life of the Church through regular reception of the Eucharist and Confession. The Mass is the most vital, basic element in the life of faith. The Eucharist is much more than a symbol or reminder; it is Christ Himself truly present in the appearance of bread and wine." (excerpted from Sponsor's Guide; Colin and Aimee MacIver; Ascension Press; 2022)
2. NOTE: The sponsor cannot have impediments to receiving Communion (i.e., being married outside the Catholic Church).
3. Must be at least sixteen years of age
4. Cannot be candidate's parent
5. May be your Baptismal godparent but not required
6. Should be someone the candidate can meet with or speak with on a regular basis. If a candidate chooses a long-distance sponsor, use e-mails, texts and phone calls.
7. May be the opposite gender

ROLE OF THE SPONSOR:

- A sponsor is encouraged to help the candidate as s/he prepares for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- According to the code of Canon Law, #892, "The sponsor is to take care that the confirmed person behaves as a true witness of Christ."
- Ideally, sponsors take on the role of mentor in which they support the candidate during the journey of preparation through ongoing dialogue, encouragement, and a willingness to listen to the concerns and hopes of the candidate. S/he should be willing to continue supporting the candidate in their faith journey after Confirmation.
- The sponsor prays for and with the candidate.
- If possible, the sponsor attends the rehearsal with the candidate. Rehearsal date TBD.
- The sponsor presents the candidate to the bishop for the anointing and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, will continue to guide the newly confirmed in the future and help him/her live out his/her Catholic faith.

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