

A Rite of Confirmation

Choosing a Sponsor

A sponsor is someone who walks with you on the journey of faith leading to the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation. Your sponsor is a special kind of friend, one who shares with you his or her own faith, knowledge, and experience of being a faithful Catholic Christian.

During the rite (or ceremony) of Confirmation, your sponsor will present you to the bishop and to the community, as a sign of your readiness to receive the sacrament. Your relationship with your sponsor does not end with the ceremony, however; he or she has the important task of continuing to help you as you grow in your faith.

Candidates for Confirmation... fittingly seek the spiritual help of a *sponsor*. To emphasize the unity of the two sacraments, it is appropriate that this be one of the baptismal sponsors. (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1311) Your sponsor should be someone who has already had a good influence on your life in the Church. You are encouraged to choose one of your baptismal godparents to sponsor you for your Confirmation, but you may also choose another adult who is a practicing Catholic. Parents are not eligible to be Sponsors.

The duties of a sponsor are:

- To assist you as you prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation
- To attend special gatherings where you can discuss your preparation
- To be present at the Mass of Enrollment and Sponsor Dinner if possible
- To stand with you at the Confirmation ceremony
- To present you to the Bishop
- To be willing to help you live as a follower of Jesus

A sponsor must be:

- A Catholic who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation
- A practicing Catholic in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church
- Sufficiently mature to guide and assist you in your faith



Sponsor Information Sheet

(To be filled out by Candidate)

Sponsor Information Sheets are due by August 1, 2010

Candidate Name: _____

Sponsor's Name

First Name

Last Name

Sponsor's Address

Street

City,

State

ZIP

Is the sponsor you have chosen also one of your Baptismal Godparents

___ Yes ___ No If no, please explain _____

Sponsor's Parish Information

Church Name _____ City: _____

What qualities do you see in your sponsor that caused you to choose him/ her?
