

Role of the Sponsor

The sponsor represents the support and prayers of the entire Church community. He or she will be the candidate's "spiritual mentor and accountability partner". In this program, the following is asked of the sponsor:

- Sponsor has received the Sacrament of Confirmation and is a practicing Catholic, and is NOT the candidate's parent.
- Sponsors are expected to be present for all Confirmation sessions except for the retreat.
- Sponsors must attend the Confirmation rehearsal and the Rite of Confirmation.
- Encourage attendance and promptness for Confirmation Sessions, Sunday Mass, and the high school Youth Ministry nights. Your enthusiasm and support demonstrates that you agree that these things are important.
- Meet with the candidate at least four times (preferably monthly) throughout the process preparation and discuss the topics addressed in the preparation sessions.
- Share your faith story with the candidate.
- Pray for and with the candidate.
- Present the candidate during the Rite of Confirmation.
- Continue to be there for the candidate and lend spiritual support after the Confirmation ceremony is over (Suggestions: send a card or note every year on the anniversary of the confirmation, birthday cards, etc.).