



## **St. Francis Catholic Church**

# **GUIDE TO CHOOSING A SPONSOR**

### **What is a Confirmation Sponsor?**

A Sponsor is a person who walks with you on your journey of faith leading to Confirmation. This person represents the larger Church – the entire community of believers.

You should choose a Sponsor with whom you can share your faith with, someone who will offer you the spiritual guidance that you will need during your time as a candidate and thereafter.

Your sponsor should be someone that you already have a comfortable relationship with who is willing to help you live as a follower of Christ.

A sponsor is a person willing to engage in the confirmation process as a means of enhancing his or her own growth as a Catholic adult.

If the person you have chosen to be your Sponsor is not able to attend events with you, please find someone that can step in as a proxy. You will still need to share your experiences with your sponsor.

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**No one enters heaven alone.**

**They always enter in pairs.**

**~St. Bernard~**

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### **The Role Of A Sponsor**

#### **Share the Faith Journey**

You should choose a sponsor that you are able to share faith experiences with- such as attending Mass or a retreat. Sponsors should be willing to share their own faith, knowledge, and experience of being Catholic with you.

#### **Nurture Your Catholic Faith**

Your sponsor should be able to support you in becoming a fully active adult in the Catholic Church. Your sponsor should be willing to pray for you during your journey through the Confirmation process and thereafter.

#### **Support Your Catholic Faith**

Ideally, your relationship with your sponsor will not end with the Rite of Confirmation, but flourish as you continue to grow in your faith. Faith growth is a life-long process.

## **What to look for in a Sponsor...**

- Your sponsor must be a practicing, baptized Catholic who is actively receiving the Sacraments.
- Your sponsor must be Confirmed, at least 16 years old, and mature enough to assist you spiritually, intellectually, and morally.
- A sponsor may **not** be the parent of the candidate. You may choose a Godparent, Aunt, Uncle, older sibling or cousin.
- Your sponsor should attend the meetings listed under "Important Dates for Sponsors." You will need to meet with your sponsor twice during the year to fill out the Sponsor/Candidate booklet.

If your sponsor is from out of town, please share the "Important Dates" with them as soon as possible. While you may have a proxy for meetings/dinner etc., your sponsor **MUST** attend the Confirmation Rehearsal and Mass.

### ***Once you've selected a sponsor ...***

**Personally** invite this person to be your sponsor. They will be deeply honored. The invitation should come from YOU, not your parent.

After this person has accepted the honor of sponsoring you for Confirmation, be sure to send them a "Thank You" card. Remember to include the dates outlined below and request their presence for these events.

### **SPONSOR INFORMATION**

- ⇒ **Sponsor/Candidate meeting:**
  - **December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 6:30pm**
- ⇒ **Sponsor/Candidate booklet:**
  - **Meet with your Sponsor twice from Nov - March to go through the booklet (details will be given at December retreat)**
- ⇒ **Confirmation Rehearsal - TBA**
- ⇒ **Confirmation Mass - TBA**

### **Contact Information**

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