



The Role of a Sponsor

Becoming a sponsor is a great responsibility but it is not without reward. One definition of the word **sponsor** is “to engage oneself” or “to promise.” Indeed, that is what sponsors are being asked to do when they accept this awesome privilege and responsibility.

The role of sponsor is to support the person to be confirmed by their prayers and by their example. Sponsors are not expected to have all of the answers. Ultimately, it will be their job to lead by example, practicing the Gospel in their everyday lives.

Candidates look up to their sponsors so it is important that the sponsor be a faithful Catholic, fully initiated and active in the life of the Church.

Often, sponsors are the baptismal godparent, thus emphasizing the relationship between baptism and confirmation. However, candidates may choose someone else. It may be helpful to note that in the eyes of the Church, parents are seen as the primary formers of faith and as a result, are not able to act as sponsor.

SPONSOR SELECTION FORM

Candidate’s Name: _____

Sponsor’s Name: _____

Parent’s Signature: _____

Reminders

- **Sponsors should be at least 16 years of age**
- **Sponsors must be a Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Initiation- Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist**

***Please return to the Parish Office at the attention of the Director of Religious Education, Mrs. Laurie Huff, by September 16th.**