

REQUIREMENTS OF THE SPONSOR

In order to be a sponsor at this time, the following requirements must be met:

- A Sponsor must have received all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation).
- If married, a sponsor must be married in the Catholic Church.
- As sponsor must be a practicing Catholic, who is “not less than sixteen years of age, unless a different age has been stipulated by the diocesan Bishop or unless the parish priest of the minister considers that there is a just reason for an exception to be made.” Code of Canon Law 874
- He or she may not be the candidate’s mother or father. A godparent is a good choice.
- The sponsor must have the intention of fulfilling the duties of a sponsor.
- The sponsor should be a person who is prayerful, open, dependable, loving and is comfortable sharing his or her faith with young people.

THE ROLE OF THE SPONSOR

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

- Attend Confirmation classes when invited
- Meet with the candidate regularly throughout this year of preparation and to discuss the topics addressed in the preparation sessions
- Share his/her faith story with the candidate
- Pray for and with the candidate
- Attend the Confirmation rehearsal and Liturgy
- Present the candidate during the Liturgy of Confirmation
- Continue to lend spiritual support even after the Confirmation is over.