

Confirmation Sponsor Requirements 2017-18

Role:

The Sponsor represents the support and prayers of the entire Catholic Church. He or she will be the Candidate's "spiritual friend". Choosing the right Sponsor is the key to having a fulfilling Confirmation experience even after the program is done. The Baptismal Godparents are recommended, but another important adult, who meets the requirements, can be chosen. * According to Canon Law 874, a Sponsor cannot be the Candidate's mother or father.

Qualifications of a Sponsor:

- a practicing Confirmed Roman Catholic in good standing – that is, living the Gospel message in their daily lives.
- is practicing their faith regularly by attending Mass and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- must be at least 16 years old and have the proper aptitude and intention to assume this role, and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- willing to pray for and with the Candidate while leading him/her closer to Jesus Christ and His Church.
- able to attend the Sponsor Meeting. (Candidates are encouraged to choose someone who lives close by) If a Sponsor is chosen who cannot attend due to traveling distance, a proxy (usually a parent) may stand in. A proxy is expected to fulfill the same qualifications as the Sponsor.
- is a person who is prayerful, loving, and is comfortable sharing with the young person.
- is a person who will spiritually support the parents in raising the young person in the Catholic Church for the rest of the young person's life.
- must be living according to the doctrinal and moral teaching of the Church.
- Catholics married/remarried outside the Church, or Catholics who choose to cohabitate outside the Sacrament of Marriage, cannot serve as a Sponsor.
- Non-Catholics, not practicing Catholics, and members of Churches not in union with Rome may not serve as a Sponsor for Confirmation

Note: a sponsor may be the child's Godparent, however according to Canon Law 874, a Sponsor cannot be the Candidate's mother or father.

Duties of a Sponsor:

1. Complete Verification of Eligibility form. Important: All sponsors, regardless if they are parishioners at Holy Family or parishioners at another Catholic church, are required to complete a Verification of Eligibility form and provide required additional documentation.
2. Submit a current Sacramental record from your parish of Baptism, complete with Sacramental notations (Contact your parish of Baptism for this, including Holy Family)
3. Attend the Sponsor Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 4 at 4:15PM.
4. Attend the Confirmation Retreat Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018 from 1:00-3:00pm
5. Complete a Eucharistic Adoration Reflection hour with the Candidate
6. Complete an act of service that shows "Faith in Action" with the Candidate
7. Assist the Candidate in choosing a Confirmation Name
8. Write a letter of Recommendation to Fr. Loc Trinh but submitted to the Youth Ministry Coordinator about the Candidate
9. Present Candidate during the Confirmation Mass at the Cathedral of St. Andrew on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 7pm
10. Continue to be available for the Candidate to lend spiritual support after the Sacrament of Confirmation ceremony is over.