

Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor

Who should I choose?

According to Canon Law, the sponsor that the Confirmation candidate chooses must be:

- at least sixteen years old.
- is baptized, received the Eucharist, confirmed, and is a practicing Catholic.
- is not the father or the mother of the one to be confirmed.

Other qualifications for the sponsors:

- Sponsors should be personally acquainted with the candidate and share a friendship which will enable them to give counsel and direction to the candidate.
- Sponsors should be members of the local parish or at least live within the immediate area so that they can maintain an ongoing relationship with the candidate during the preparation period.
- Sponsors should be actively pursuing the ideals presented by the Gospel and thus be able to give examples of what membership in the Church entails.
- Sponsors are *not* expected to be saints or theologians, or fully acquainted with every detail of Church teaching. Rather, they must be willing to assist the youth in learning, just as they continue to learn themselves.

Duties of the Confirmation Sponsor (provide a copy of this to your sponsor)

Prior to Confirmation

- Attend the Sponsor/Candidate Session April 28, 2019 at St. Peter the Fisherman.
- Meet with candidate a minimum of four times during the Confirmation process to discuss faith and to pray together (this can be as casual as grabbing coffee after school, chatting on the phone intentionally to share your faith or inviting the candidate to supper).
- Complete the two (2) Candidate Sponsor assignments together.
- Provide a good example as a Catholic living out their faith.
- Help the candidate discover the implications of the Gospel in his/her life and in society.
- Help the candidate sort out doubts or anxieties regarding the faith.
- Supervise the candidate's preparation, seeing to it that he/she attends weekly Mass, Confirmation events, and fulfills the other obligations related to that preparation.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to enter the candidate's life in a new way.

At Confirmation

- Attend the rehearsal for celebrating the rite of Confirmation on date to be determined. (usually one day or one week prior to Confirmation)
- Participate in the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 8th at 7pm at St. Peter the Fisherman Parish in Two Rivers. Please be in Church and in your assigned pews by 6:15pm that night.

Post Confirmation

- Continue to help the confirmed become actively involved in the Church's communal life and worship, and the use of their time, talent, and treasure.
- Continue praying for the confirmed.