

Choosing a Sponsor

Sponsors:

Every candidate for confirmation needs a sponsor. The sponsor may also be the Baptismal godparent. Sponsors must be Catholic and have been confirmed in the Catholic Church. There is no specification with regard to gender of the sponsor. It is important however, that the candidate has a good relationship with the sponsor, and be able to speak freely with that person. The sponsor should be someone who is living the life that the candidate would like to emulate and is active in their faith. Parents cannot be sponsors. Siblings may be sponsors but they need to already be confirmed and should be much older so that they can be a good source of advice and wisdom. Grandparents may also be sponsors.

Guidelines:

- A sponsor must be sufficiently mature for his/her role. Adolescent sponsors are discouraged. Each candidate should choose a sponsor who is at least sixteen years of age.
- The sponsor must be a fully participating member of the Catholic Church. S/he must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
- Sponsors cannot be the child's own parent
- A sponsor need not be the same gender as the candidate.
- If the sponsor cannot be present during the Rite of Confirmation, a proxy may stand in for the mass.
- Sponsors should attend the practice with the candidate. If a sponsor is unable to make the practice, a parent should come to the practice. Practice will last approximately 1 ½ hours.

Schedule:

Practices are scheduled for each specific confirmation and are not interchangeable. Students need to attend the practice with their sponsor for the mass where they will receive the sacrament. All practices begin at 7pm and last approximately 1 ½ hours.