



Sponsor Information

A sponsor must be a practicing, Confirmed Catholic, who is at least 16 years of age. He or she may not be the candidate's mother or father. A godparent is a good choice. The candidate is encouraged to choose someone close by. The sponsor should be a person who is prayerful, open, dependable, loving, and is comfortable sharing his or her faith with young people.

Role

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.

1. Accompany the candidate to the sponsor/candidate session and retreat, which is specifically designed for interaction.
2. Attend the Rite of Confirmation.
3. Meet with the candidate regularly throughout the year and discuss topics addressed in the preparation sessions.
4. Share your faith story.
5. Spend time getting to know the candidate, possibly taking him or her out to lunch or dinner, or having him or her over to your home.
6. Pray for and with the candidate.
7. Attend service activities the candidate is involved in.
8. Continue to be there for the candidate and lend spiritual support after the Confirmation ceremony is over. (Suggestion: Send a card or note every year on the anniversary of his or her Confirmation.)