

# Choosing a Sponsor

**Taken from Canon Law “ Book IV: The Sanctifying Office Of The Church”**

**Due Sept 15 – Year II Candidates Only**

The role of the Confirmation Sponsor involves much more than simply standing behind the Candidate as a bishop Confirms. It is the beginning or the continuation of a lasting relationship of friendship and spiritual mentoring and guidance. The prayers and support of the Sponsor are an important part of the preparation for Confirmation and help the Confirmation Candidate live his or her baptismal promises both before and after Confirmation.

## **Qualifications To Serve As A Sponsor:**

### **1. Please note that to undertake the role of sponsor, a person must:**

“As far as possible, a Sponsor for the one to be Confirmed should be present; it is for the Sponsor to see that the Confirmed person acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with this Sacrament. It is desirable but not essential that the one who undertook the role of Sponsor (Godparent) at Baptism be Sponsor for Confirmation.” Canon Law “ Book IV: The Sanctifying Office Of The Church

### **2. To serve in the role of Sponsor, a person must possess the following qualifications:**

- Be 16 years of age or older.
- Be present and available to participate in the preparation and at the reception of the Sacrament.
- Be a Catholic who has received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) and leads a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith and the role of role to be undertaken.
- Is not the father or the mother of the Confirmation Candidate

3. A person from another faith tradition who is not a practicing baptized Roman Catholic may not serve as a sponsor. They can be invited to participate as witnesses and accompany the candidate on the journey but may not stand as formal sponsors. The sponsor must be a practicing Roman Catholic, ideally someone who is in regular contact with the candidate.

4. Sponsors must submit an affirmation that they meet the requirements for being a sponsor. This form is available digitally, and digital submission BY YOUR SPONSOR is the preferred way of submitting this information. Please direct your sponsor to or share the link below with them and ask them to submit the information you asked for.

**[Sponsors need to submit their response Digitally via the parish website.](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfFLYPjKh2PJzPqtT0vkB88Ut0wORX9ofAaCQqzzDFr5x9Z0w/viewform)**

Use the link below in your browser if this link does not work.

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