

Choosing a Sponsor Assignment-

A sponsor is the special person chosen by the candidate to represent the faith community at the Rite of Confirmation. In the past, the sponsor's role was largely ceremonial – the sponsor attended the Confirmation and presented the candidate to the Bishop. Today, the sponsor has a larger role both before and after confirmation.

Qualifications of a Sponsor:

- A person who is at least 16 years of age who is a practicing Catholic who has received the sacraments of baptism, Eucharist, reconciliation, and confirmation.
- The sponsor cannot be the father or mother of the candidate.

The role and duties of the Sponsor:

- Assist the candidate with their catechetical and spiritual preparation by meeting with him/her individually a few times during the preparation period. We will provide material for you to use during these sessions.
- Attend Confirmation Rehearsal
- Present the Candidate to the Bishop at the Confirmation mass
- Following Confirmation, guide the confirmed in assuming an active role in the life and fellowship of our faith community.

Additional Considerations

- The sponsor should be sincere in their faith and have the maturity and desire to help the candidate.
- The sponsor should be willing to assist the candidate in learning by meeting with the candidate and helping them on their faith journey.
- The sponsor should be willing to assist the candidate in becoming an active member of the faith community during and following confirmation.

The Assignment

Write a minimum one paragraph on why you chose your person to be your sponsor and how they will guide you to the church and to confirmation.