

Sponsor/Presenter Selection Guide

Confirmation 2017

Sponsors and Parent Presenters

Because of the close connection between Baptism and Confirmation, the Church prefers that the Baptism godparent (sponsor) be the sponsor for Confirmation. When this is not possible, someone else may be chosen who fulfills all the qualifications of being a sponsor. For Baptism, a parent may not be a sponsor. However, the Rite of Confirmation allows for a parent to **present** the candidate to the Bishop but **cannot** serve as a sponsor.

In the case of a parent as presenter, please note:

- If the parent presents the candidate he/she walks with the candidate but does not lay a hand on the shoulder during the anointing
- In the Confirmation register and on any certificate of Confirmation no sponsor is listed

The role of sponsor is a very important one. The sponsor should be someone who is a believing, practicing Catholic and is willing to walk closely with the candidate on his/her faith journey during this preparation time. It is most beneficial that the Sponsor/Candidate relationship remain a close one after the sacrament is conferred.

According to the Rite of Confirmation sponsors are called to help candidates during their life to “fulfill their baptismal promises faithfully under the influence of the Holy Spirit whom they have received.”

Qualifications for Sponsors as listed in the Code of Canon Law of the Roman Catholic Church (872, 874, 892, and 893)

- Must be fully initiated, practicing Catholic
- Must provide a copy of the updated Baptismal Certificate with date of Confirmation
- Must be sufficiently mature to fulfill their function as a sponsor
- Must be a person who is an example and a witness of the Catholic faith in word and action
- Must be friendly, trustworthy, and a good listener
- Must be one who will attend liturgical celebrations, meetings, rehearsal and Confirmation Day*
- Must be able to participate in Candidate/Sponsor Movie Night**
- Does not need to be the same gender as candidate but only **one** sponsor is chosen
- May not be mother or father of the person to be confirmed

*** Sponsor/Presenter Selection form & Sponsor Baptismal Certificate are due Sunday, October 22nd or Monday, October 23rd ***

* A parent or other guardian may proxy for the sponsor if he or she is unable to attend the Confirmation ceremony

** Candidate/Sponsor Movie night is scheduled by the candidate and sponsor. Candidate and sponsor may choose from two movie titles and must complete the reflection form by Sunday, November 5th or Monday, November 6, 2017.

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Sponsor/Presenter Selection and Information Sheet

Pray: Dear Lord, open my eyes, my ears, and my heart to Your wisdom for the perfect person to journey with me on my path to Confirmation. I am Yours, Lord. Amen.

****Sponsor or Presenter must attach with this form an updated copy of their Baptismal certificate with Confirmation date noted.****

Please Print Legibly

Candidate Name: _____

Please indicate your choice with a



Please choose **one (1) only.**

I have chosen for my sponsor...

Sponsor's Name: _____

I have chosen this person to serve as my sponsor because...

Name and city of Parish your Sponsor is currently registered:

Name of parish

Street

City

State

Pastor's Name

OR

I have chosen to have my parent present me at my Confirmation Mass.

I have chosen my mother/father (circle one) to serve as my presenter because...
