Selecting a Confirmation Sponsor

A Confirmation Sponsor witnesses the commitment you make to God and to the Church by presenting you to the Bishop and standing beside you as someone who has supported you and who will continue to help you on your faith journey.

The Diocesan guidelines regulate who may or may not be a sponsor. Your sponsor may be a Godparent, or another qualified witness other than your parent, who:

1) is a practicing Catholic who has sufficient maturity for this role;
2) is a fully initiated Catholic (has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) who lives a Christian way of life;
3) takes an active interest in your faith life; and
4) is at least sixteen (16) years of age.

Consequently,

- those Catholics who do not attend Mass regularly,
- those Catholics who are invalidly married, as for example, before a Justice of the Peace, or without proper dispensation, before a minister of Protestant church or before a rabbi,
- those Catholics who are divorced and invalidly remarried, and
- those Catholics who have not received the sacraments and the Eucharist

do not qualify to be admitted as a sponsor.

The person you select as your sponsor should be available to help and encourage you during your life. If the person you choose as Confirmation Sponsor cannot be present at the actual ceremony, it is still possible to select that individual as your Confirmation Sponsor while allowing another qualified witness to be proxy at the ceremony; parents may serve as proxies.

SPONSOR'S FULL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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PHONE NUMBER: _____

SPONSOR'S PARISH: _____

SPONSOR'S RELATIONSHIP TO CANDIDATE: _____

I have selected _____ as my Confirmation Sponsor BECAUSE _____

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DATE Signature of Confirmation Candidate