

HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR SPONSOR

The following is a brief review of some facts about how to choose your sponsor for Confirmation.

Your sponsor in Confirmation may be the same Godparent who spoke for you at your Baptism. Ideally, your sponsor should become a life-long mentor, someone who will take more than a passing interest in you. Your sponsor should be a **confirmed** Catholic Christian who. . .

1. participates at Sunday Mass/celebrates the Eucharist regularly.
2. is registered and active member of his/her church.
3. whose manner of life is in harmony with the role to be undertaken.
4. is an ADULT or person who has shown the maturity of an adult in decision making and prudent leadership.

The role of sponsor is not merely ceremonial or honorary. Your sponsor may be asked to take an active part in your preparation for Confirmation. This may include the following: Teen Mass attendance, penitential service participation; help with service task, and retreat. Please **share this information with your sponsor before deciding**. Talk about it openly with your sponsor so you both understand the commitment. **The sponsor may NOT be a candidate's parent (Canon Law 874).**

Also, choose your Confirmation name NOW. **The saint name you choose for Confirmation is the same saint you will write a saint report on in your first year of Confirmation preparation.**

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YOUR NAME _____

CONFIRMATION NAME _____

SPONSOR'S NAME _____

SPONSOR'S FULL ADDRESS (including town/city & state)

SPONSOR'S TELEPHONE NO. _____

ALL SPONSORS including St. Mary parishioners must be able to return a form stating they are a registered practicing Catholic.