

Choosing a Sponsor for Confirmation

Since Confirmation is the completion of Baptism, the Liturgy of Confirmation is patterned after the Baptismal Liturgy. Your sponsor will present you to the Bishop or Celebrant when you step forward to be confirmed. You are encouraged to choose one of your Baptismal Godparents for this role. If that is not possible, choose someone whom you consider to be a role model for living the Catholic faith. The requirements for Confirmation sponsorship are listed below.

1. A sponsor must be a Catholic who actively practices the faith.
2. A sponsor must be at least 16 years old and already confirmed.
3. If married, the marriage must be valid according to Church law.
4. A sponsor may not be a parent of the candidate.
5. A sponsor need not be the same gender as the candidate.
6. A sponsor will support the candidate in their commitment to the Catholic Church.
7. **All sponsors must have a *Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility*. A form must be completed even if they have been a sponsor in the past. A portion of this paperwork is completed by the sponsor's current Catholic parish and must be returned to the Religious Education Office no later than November 30th. This also applies to sponsors who are SSPP parishioners. A copy of this form is included in this packet and is also available on the parish website: www.sspeterandpaul.net.**
8. If the sponsor cannot attend the Confirmation Mass, a proxy who fulfills the above requirements may stand in for the sponsor.