

Becoming Catholic (OCIA)

St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church Zionsville, IN

Sponsors

The ministry of sponsor is one of companionship, encouragement, and witness.

A sponsor should be the following:

- an active member of the parish community
- at least sixteen years of age
- same gender as catechumen
- confirmed as a Catholic, and have received the Eucharist

Note: A parent, spouse, or future spouse of the person being baptized may not act as a sponsor.

The main role of the Sponsor is to:

1. Walk with them on their Journey.
2. Introduce them to the Church and parish life.
3. Model Christian living; not perfection.
4. Stand as witness to the progress of the candidate during the celebration of the liturgical rites.

Expectations:

- Meet one-on-one at least once a month.
- Attend one OCIA session together.
- Attend Major Rites.

Consider:

- attending mass together
- introducing family and friends to the catechumen or candidate
- inviting them home for a meal
- going through the parish bulletin to explain the various activities
- sharing childhood memories of growing up Catholic and some of the ways your family participated in the traditions of the Church