



## What about Confirmation sponsors?



How and when should a candidate choose a sponsor and how does the program engage sponsors?

A Confirmation sponsor can play a vital role in their candidate's journey—both in preparing for the sacrament and beyond. The very fact that a teen has chosen this person as his or her sponsor indicates a connection and respect that can be a great foundation to build upon. Candidates should be encouraged to

consider someone with a vibrant faith life who would serve as a good role model in the Faith.

Because of the deep connection between the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, the Church highly recommends that one of the candidate's godparents be considered as a Confirmation sponsor (see Code of Canon Law 893.) **HOWEVER**—it is most important that the student has maintained a connection. Often a baptismal sponsor will have moved away or is not available to connect with any type of service project.

- **Sponsor Form** – please identify the **name of the sponsor** that is expected to be standing up for the student. Note: this cannot be a parent (but parent may proxy if needed due to illness or other issues).
- **What Confirmation name is most likely to be chosen?** – Choosing a new name for Confirmation is *not* required; the student may simply affirm their baptismal name. However, the vast majority of students will find inspiration in the lives of the saints, patron saints, and models of heroic virtue that they discover in the second year classes.
- **Both the Sponsor and Confirmation Name may be changed, but bear in mind we will be creating a program for the liturgy and revisions should be made well before Confirmation.**