



YEAR TWO ONLY

Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor

Confirmation Candidate's Name: _____

A sponsor is a witness of the commitment to Christ that you are making. The sponsor can be a Godparent or any other Catholic adult, but not a parent. The sponsor presents you at your Confirmation and is with you throughout your Confirmation journey.

Requirements of the Sponsor:

- At least eighteen years of age and be a fully initiated Catholic who has celebrated Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation and be someone who practices his/her faith and is living according to the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Supports the person to be Confirmed in their commitment to the Christian life.
- Must know the candidate and be willing to serve as a strong and long lasting Christian influence on the candidate.
- Sponsors who are not members of St. John's parish must provide a letter from their pastor or parish administrator attesting to their suitability to serve as a sponsor. A letter indicating they are a registered member in good standing **will be due no later than December 15th, 2023.**
- Should be sufficiently mature in their own faith commitment.
- May be either male or female for any candidate.
- May assist the candidate in choosing and carrying out the candidate's service hours commitment.
- Must be reasonably informed on current Church teachings.
- May accompany the candidate to special liturgies and preparation sessions.
- May not be a parent of the candidate (and preferably not a grandparent, as they already have a special relationship with the candidate.)
- Preference is given to the candidate's Godparents, which most fully expresses the integral connection between Baptism and Confirmation.
- Assists in determining the candidate's readiness for the Sacrament.
- Presents the candidate to Most Reverend Bishop Salvatore Matano at the celebration of Confirmation.
- Must attend the MANDATORY Sponsor / Candidate Meeting listed in Important Dates.

It is best to choose a Sponsor with whom you can communicate. Look for someone who can walk this journey with you and help answer questions and guide you in this process. Choose someone you respect and admire. Don't be afraid to ask someone in the Church whom you respect as a faithful and devout Catholic. Most people are extremely honored and flattered to be asked to be a Confirmation Sponsor.

Your Sponsor's Name: _____

Why have you asked this person to be your Confirmation Sponsor? _____

