

## Sponsors Requirements By The Archdiocese of Santa Fe

- 8.1) Be designated by the one to be confirmed, by the parents or the one who takes their place of, in their absences. By the pastor or minister and is to have the qualifications and intentions of performing this role;
- 8.2) Be at least 16 years of age, unless the pastor or minister judges that an exception is to be made for a just cause;
- 8.3) Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken;
- 8.4) Not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
- 8.5) Not be the father or the mother of the one to be confirmed.
- 9) It is desirable that the one who undertook the role of the sponsor at baptism be sponsor for confirmation.

### SPONSORS ROLL

So, you've been asked to be the sponsor of a Confirmandi? Unsure what this role entails? There are many simple things that a sponsor can do for the confirmed student prior to and after the confirmation ceremony.

**Be a good role model.** You've been chosen for this role because you are a person that the student looks up to as a good Catholic. Continue to do the things that make you a good practitioner of the Catholic faith, and be sincere in your faith.

**Give a meaningful gift.** You don't need to buy anything expensive, but giving a student a meaningful keepsake may be something you'd like to do. Perhaps a cross, bible, a letter, or anything to remind them of their relationship with God and the relationship you two share. In addition, be sure to remember the confirmed after the ceremony, perhaps with a card or phone call on their Saint's day, birthday, etc.

**Give your time.** More important than anything material is your time. The confirmed or soon-to-be confirmed may have questions about his or her faith. Take time to talk about your religion, and attempt to answer any questions that you can. In addition, spend time with the student. Perhaps schedule a lunch date or a simple visit. Showing them that they have a place in your life and getting to know them better is an important way to further your relationship as Confirmandi and sponsor, and will allow them to be more open to you.

**Pray.** This is probably the most important thing you can do for your student. Be sure that you remember your student in your prayers prior to and after the ceremony.

**PLEASE LET US KNOW WHO YOUR SPONSOR WILL BE AT TIME OF  
REGISTRATION!**