

# **Adult Confirmation Sponsors**

Thank you for your willingness to mentor this member of our Adult Confirmation program.

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### **Choosing a Sponsor**

The role of sponsor is much more than honorary; it is a lifelong commitment in this person's faith journey. The sponsor is to remain involved in their life and journey. The person chosen as a sponsor should be:

- **†** A person that will pray for the candidate regularly.
- **†** A real friend; someone the candidate can trust and confide in; someone who can be there when needed.
- **†** Someone the candidate would like to model his/her life after.
- **†** A person whose experience as a Catholic is an invaluable source for helping model one's life as a Catholic.
- **†** A person who is interested in the candidate's Sacramental preparation and willing to participate in the retreat, rehearsal and liturgical celebrations during the preparation program.
- **†** A person whose relationship with the candidate will continue after the celebration of Confirmation

## **Qualifications for Sponsor**

- **+** Must be a fully initiated (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist), practicing Catholic who attends Sunday and Holy Day masses regularly and participates in the Sacramental life of the Church.
- + Must be sufficiently mature to fulfill their function as a sponsor (encouraged minimum age is 18)
- **†** Sponsor may be male or female
- **†** Only one sponsor is required and cannot be a parent or spouse of the candidate.
- **†** Married sponsors must be in a valid Catholic marriage.
- **†** Must be a person who is an example and a witness of the Catholic faith in word and action.
- **†** Must be friendly, trustworthy, and a good listener.
- **†** Must be one who will attend liturgical celebrations, retreat, rehearsals, and Pentecost Mass where the candidate will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

# **Expectations of the Sponsor**

- **†** Attend Mass with the candidate as needed.
- † Participate in retreat day, rehearsal & Confirmation Mass on Pentecost with the candidate.
- **†** Encourage and assist the candidate to grow in knowledge, prayer, service, and worship.
- **†** Participate in other parish activities of the process, if needed.

Note: It is beneficial if sponsors live locally to attend special events together, however, if they are long distance then a relative can substitute, but the SPONSOR must be present at Pentecost Sunday Mass and rehearsal.

#### ST. MARTIN DE PORRES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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	<u>Spon</u>	sor Information		
Name:		Phone:		
Address:				
City:	State:	: Zip:		
E-mail: Name of parish you attend & are re				
City:	State:	·		
I attend Mass:  Weekly	Every other week	Once a month	Occasionally	Never
What is your relationship to the or How long have you known the co What does it mean to you to be	andidate?			Confirmation?
How do you plan to support you	candidate in their faith	journey before and aft	er their reception of Con	firmation?
Sacraments: Need COPY of Co Marriage Certificate, if married.	nfirmation Certificate (o	r Baptism Certificate w	ith Notation of Confirma	tion) & Catholic
Have you been baptized?	Yes No		st Reconciliation?	☐ No
Church of Confirmation		City/State		
Are you Married? 🔲 Yes 🔲 N	lo	•		
If married, were you married in the	ne Catholic Church?	Yes No		
I affirm that I meet the requirements	s of a sponsor and commi	t to serving as a spiritual	companion for the candida	ate.