

CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR: GUIDELINES

Being a sponsor is a lifelong commitment, so choosing a sponsor is an important step on your Confirmation journey. Your Sponsor will serve as a “spiritual parent” who will provide prayerful support and guidance to ensure you fully embrace your role as a true witness to Jesus and faithfully fulfill your Baptismal promises through the intercession of the Holy Spirit. Your sponsor will help you grow in your relationship with God and the Church and hopefully, show you how to become better at living a life of faith. But you and your sponsor can also co-learn as you both grow together in faith! On your Confirmation Day, your sponsor will then present you for anointing by the bishop which will complete your Baptismal grace.

Your sponsor will need to:

- Be fully initiated into the Catholic faith (Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Holy Matrimony in the Church (if applicable)).
- Be at least 16 years of age.
- Be a Catholic of good standing and registered with a Catholic Church.
- Must be someone other than your parent.

Once you have chosen your sponsor, please have him/her complete the *Archdiocese of Hartford Confirmation Sponsor Affirmation Certificate* that's included in your packet. This form is **DUE by MARCH 23.**

The *next page* needs to be completed and returned by **JANUARY 19.**

