

Candidate/Sponsor Conversation

Every candidate in the Confirmation Program chooses a sponsor. Your sponsor's role is to be a spiritual companion and guide – someone who will encourage you throughout your Confirmation preparation. Your sponsor will present you for anointing during the celebration of Confirmation and help you fulfill your Baptismal promises. This person:

- needs to be a practicing Catholic – a member of a parish and attend Mass regularly;
- has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Confirmation;
- must be sixteen years of age or older;
- if he or she is married, their marriage must be recognized by the Church;
- must be someone other than your parent.

Once you have chosen your sponsor, if possible arrange a time to attend Mass together. Take some time to pray together and talk. Here are some suggested questions/topics to discuss however, this is an opportunity to share some personal and reflective time with them. Be thoughtful and let the Holy Spirit guide you.

What gifts does your sponsor possess and what can you learn from this person? How have they shared their gifts and talents? How might they advise *you* to share your gifts and talents with your faith community? Why is this person a good choice for sponsoring you in this journey? What do you admire about him or her, and especially what do you admire about his or her faith life? Have they ever questioned their faith or not practiced their faith? If so, how have they reconciled these feelings? What is their prayer life like? How do they see God working in their life and in yours?

Please submit a **one-page, typed summary** of your conversation by the last session, **March 6, 2022**.

If you have questions about this assignment, please contact our office. Thank you.