

THE ROLE OF A SPONSOR



What is a Sponsor?

- A sponsor accompanies a baptized Catholic who is seeking to receive the sacrament of Confirmation
- A sponsor is a person who knows or is willing to know the candidate and be a witness of the candidate's moral character, faith, and intention to receive the Sacrament
- A sponsor is a co-traveler who commits him/herself to accompany the candidate throughout their faith formation and is willing to be present for all events prior to as well as the actual celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

What does a Sponsor do?

- Prays for your candidate, all candidates & sponsors
- Listens to their candidate and when appropriate, shares their faith journey.
- Focuses on the candidate's journey
- Participates in faith formation meetings and all events for the candidate when asked to do so
- Stays in regular touch with their candidate regularly by phone, text, e-mail, social media, Sunday Mass, etc....
- Introduces their candidate to members of the parish

What might a Sponsor expect from a Candidate?

- Some anxiety or nervousness
- Bursts of enthusiasm as well as new insights and hopes
- Hesitancy and resistance to change
- On rare occasions, a withdrawal from the process
- Problem relationships with friends or family members

What might a Sponsor expect to receive from this ministry?

- A renewal or deepening on one's relationship with God
- Some good and lasting friendships
- A stronger experience of parish community and belonging
- A better sense of Christian identity in terms of self & church

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