

Confirmation Sponsor

The Rite of Confirmation requires that each candidate have an individual sponsor. It is desirable to choose as sponsor the one who undertook the same function in baptism if available. The sponsor may be either sex. For one to be admitted to the office of sponsor a person must meet these Church requirements:

- a) be sufficiently mature for this role;
- b) be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;
- c) not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared.

The St. Mary's Confirmation program requires that sponsors take an active role in the formation process. Therefore, sponsors need to be available to . . .

- attend a sponsor training session in the spring of Confirmation I; **Sunday, February 11th, 9a.m. – 10a.m. in the St. Mary's Gym.** (Scheduled so you can attend either the 8 or the 10 a.m. Mass.)
- to meet and share with the candidate two more times during Confirmation I;
- to meet and share with the candidate at least six times during Confirmation II;
- to attend the "Calling of the Candidate" ceremony;
- to present the candidate to the Bishop at the Rite of Confirmation.

NOTE: If for important reasons the sponsor can not fulfill all of these requirements, a local mentor can serve in this capacity during the confirmation program.

In other words the candidate needs to choose a sponsor (mentor) who . . .

- they admire for their faith and moral life;
- is someone with whom they are willing to share;
- will challenge them to live as a true witness to Christ;
- will fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with this sacrament;
- is not your parent or guardian. *****

**Confirmation Sponsor training -
For Confirmation candidates and Sponsors/Mentors**

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- **9a.m. – 10a.m.**
(scheduled so you can attend either the 8 a.m. or the 10 a.m. Mass)
- **in the St. Mary's Gym**

St. Mary's Church
Confirmation Program

Candidate's Name:

Sponsor Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Mailing address: _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

E-mail address _____

If you will also have a mentor, please provide the following:

Mentor Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Mailing address: _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

E-mail address _____

Reason for having a mentor: