

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

It has always been a custom in the Church to provide a guide to assist each person who is going through initiation. The official name for this person is SPONSOR.

A sponsor actually has two tasks. First, the sponsor is there to answer your questions about the Church and to help you to get to know the Church better. Second, the sponsor is there to help the Christian community get to know you better. In the end, it is the sponsor's duty to present you to the parish and to assure the community of your Christian identity—that you really are ready to become a full member of the Church, a disciple of Jesus, and you want to be involved in the mission of the Church.

A sponsor should be a person who has already received the sacrament of Confirmation. Your sponsor should be an **ACTIVE, PRACTICING CATHOLIC**. A certificate of eligibility will be required from the parish in which they belong. **Normally, a sponsor is not your mother or father.**

Your present task is to choose a sponsor who can guide you through the process of preparing for Confirmation. Look for a committed Catholic Christian who is a friend of Jesus, an active follower of Jesus, and a person who is striving to live by gospel values.

Chances are, you already have someone in mind. But, in some cases, you may need help finding a committed Christian to fulfill this role. Your teachers or Director can be of help. **Just remember this:** You're looking for someone who can help you understand what it means to live as a confirmed disciple. You need a person with whom you can talk. You need a person who is a good example to you of what it means to be a Christian.

CANDIDATES NAME _____
(Student)

MY CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

SPONSOR'S NAME _____

COMPLETE ADDRESS _____
(Necessary for mailings)

PHONE NUMBER _____
(If we still need paperwork from them)

PRESENT PARISH _____
(Sponsor certificate is required if not a member of St. Denis)

WHY I CHOSE THIS PERSON _____

(A short paper explaining why you chose this person for your sponsor should accompany this page.)