

Stand By Me: choosing a sponsor

“Better is a neighbor near at hand than a brother far away.”
Proverbs 27:10

Please use this form in choosing a sponsor. Before you select a sponsor, give this form and the next form (or a copy) to him/her, so that he/she may better decide whether or not to accept the responsibility.

Our Christian life is a journey in faith. As Christians we know that we do not have to make this journey alone. We have the support of our brothers and sisters in faith, men and women whom we can turn for support and assistance.

The role of the Confirmation sponsor is to serve as a “traveling companion and an example of how to live a faith-filled life” for the candidate. The sponsor assists the candidate in looking at his/her life, seeing how God is involved, and charting a course for the future that will lead an ever deepening faith.

Therefore, the most significant thing that can happen between the candidate and sponsor is that a relationship develop that will allow them to talk openly and honestly about their common faith in Jesus Christ. We have developed several specific activities for the sponsor. We see these as aides to the candidate and sponsor as they develop this kind of relationship. We ask the sponsor to keep this purpose in mind during all the activities. May the Lord reward you with a productive journey!

We ask the following of sponsors:

1. Sponsors must be confirmed, practicing members of the Catholic Church. The next page must be completed and have the signatures of both the sponsor and the sponsor’s pastor. (Completion deadlines are on that form)
2. The sponsor must write a letter of recommendation on behalf of the candidate for Confirmation.

All that is required of the letter is that it . . .

- Contains the name of the candidate and sponsor, including the sponsor’s signature and date.
 - contains the sponsor’s support and affirmation of the candidate for Confirmation
 - Attach to the form in #1 and follow deadline instructions on that page.
3. Sponsors must be 16 years old or older.
 4. Parents may not sponsor their own child(ren); however they might make a great sponsor for another candidate!
 5. Candidates must select sponsors who can participate fully in the preparation program, including the following events:
 - Candidate/Sponsor Retreat – October 14, 2017
 - Confirmation Rehearsal – February 25th, 5pm
 - Confirmation Sacramental Celebration – February 26th; 7pm