

<p style="text-align: center;">St. Francis of Assisi Parish Guidelines for Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor</p>
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1. The sponsor represents the Christian Community in the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is the role of the sponsor to assist the candidate's parents in enabling the confirmed person to live a full Christian life and to carry out faithfully the commitments of the sacrament.
2. To highlight the connection between Baptism and Confirmation, the candidate's baptismal Godparent could be invited to be the sponsor for Confirmation when this is possible.
3. So that the role of sponsorship may be realistically and meaningfully expressed, the designated sponsor should be present, as far as possible, for the celebration of Confirmation. (Code of Canon Law #892).
4. To act as sponsor, a person must be a Catholic who has received all the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation - and lives a life consistent with the role being undertaken.
5. Since the role of sponsor involves maturity and wisdom in matters of faith, prospective sponsors are to be at least 16 years of age.
6. Each candidate should have one sponsor, either male or female. (The gender of the sponsor does not need to match the gender of the candidate.)
7. Parents cannot act as sponsors for their children. Other family members (grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, siblings) may act as sponsors.