

St. Francis Xavier Parish

How To Choose A Sponsor

Here are some points you need to keep in mind when deciding whom you would like to ask to sponsor you on your journey to being confirmed as a Catholic Christian.

1. In choosing a sponsor, notice which Catholic Christians you know who exemplify what it means to be a full active member of the Catholic Church.
2. Your sponsor should be someone you are comfortable in developing a relationship with as your journey through the Confirmation process; someone you will be able to talk with about what is being learned about yourself, others, God and Church; someone who will help you recognize your gifts.
3. As far as possible, a sponsor for the one confirmed should be available throughout the process, not just on the day itself. **You need to engage in some service opportunity with your sponsor**
4. The Godparent at Baptism may also be the sponsor at Confirmation.
5. **The sponsor needs to be a person other than a parent.**
6. Sponsors need to meet these requirements:
 - a) that he/she is sufficiently mature for this role;
 - b) that he/she belongs to the Catholic Church and have been initiated in the three sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist;
 - c) that he/she leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.
7. Invite your sponsor to the Candidate/Sponsor Meeting at 5:15 pm in Church and for the **Spirit Mass/Enrollment Liturgy** at 6:00 p.m. in the Church both on October 25.