



Your Sponsor

Who you choose to be your sponsor is very important. It is not an honorary role but one with significance and responsibilities. Because of this there are some Church laws that we are all required to follow. It helps to remember that your sponsor is a person who is representing our faith and our Church and as such is sponsoring you into the fullness of the faith and promising to guide you by word, prayer, and example on your faith journey. With all of this in mind your sponsor must be:

- ✓ A fully initiated member of the Catholic Church (that is, has received baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist.)
- ✓ Be at least sixteen years of age.
- ✓ Is NOT a parent of the one who is to be confirmed.
- ✓ Is a practicing Catholic.
- ✓ Is registered and is able to obtain a sponsor form from his or her parish.

If the person you choose does not meet these requirements they cannot be a sponsor for confirmation. It is **EXTREMELY** important that you make your choice **EARLY** so that you can make sure that the person you want to be your sponsor is able to do so and has **PLENTY OF TIME** to get their sponsor certificate.

The name of your sponsor and their sponsor certificate is due **NO LATER THAN** the November Confirmation meeting!

Please cut off the bottom portion of this form and give it to the person you are choosing.

Dear Potential Sponsor,

A young lady or gentleman has requested you to be their sponsor for confirmation. This is not an honorary role but one with significant responsibilities. Please carefully and prayerfully consider the requirements of a sponsor before giving an answer to this request. A sponsor for confirmation must be:

- ✓ A fully initiated Catholic (that is, has received the sacraments of baptism, communion, and confirmation.)
- ✓ At least sixteen years of age.
- ✓ Not a parent of the person being confirmed.
- ✓ A practicing Catholic registered at a parish.
- ✓ Able to obtain a sponsor certificate from you parish. (Call your parish. They'll know what you are asking for!)
- ✓ Willing to guide the person you will sponsor by prayer, word, and example.

The person you will sponsor must be able to turn in your sponsor certificate to Saint Sebastian **NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 16th**! So please get it into him or her as soon as possible.

N.B. – St. Sebastian Parishioners also need to obtain a sponsor certificate from the parish!

Thank you so much for your willingness.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Valencheck