

## Selecting a Sponsor

All Candidates for Confirmation must select a suitable adult (over the age 16) to serve as a Sponsor. When you are selecting this adults please keep in mind the following guidelines:

- ✓ Sponsors should be an adult, other than your parent, who you see trying to live a life rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Holy Roman Catholic Church.
- ✓ Sponsors should be a role model for your faith.
- ✓ Sponsors should be a mentor, someone who can witness to you by their actions.
- ✓ Sponsors should be someone who will walk with you through this Confirmation preparation process.
- ✓ Sponsors should be available to attend the required meetings and should have contact with the candidate on a regular basis. If sponsors cannot attend the meetings, every effort should be made to provide a proxy (or stand-in) to attend these meetings with the candidate.
- ✓ Sponsors should meet the guidelines for Sponsors as defined in Canon law (below).

### ROLE OF SPONSORS

#### **Can. 892**

As far as possible a sponsor for the one to be confirmed should be present: It is for the sponsor to see that the confirmed person acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with this sacrament.

#### **Can. 893**

To perform the role of sponsor, it is necessary that a person fulfill the conditions mentioned in **Can. 874**. It is desirable that the one who undertook the role of sponsor at Baptism be sponsor for Confirmation.

**Can. 874** To be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must:

1. Be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the one who takes their place or, in their absence, by the pastor or minister and is to have the qualifications and intention of performing this role.
2. Have completed the sixteenth year, unless a different age has been established by the Diocesan Bishop or it seems to the pastor or minister that an exception is to be made for a just cause.
3. Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.
4. Not be bound by any Canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared.
5. Not be the father or the mother of the one to be baptized or confirmed.
6. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may not be admitted except as a witness to baptism or confirmation and together with a Catholic sponsor.