

Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor

When choosing a sponsor, think about people in your life who have inspired you in your faith. Think about the people in your life who are committed to the Catholic faith and who actively live it out. Ideally, a sponsor should be someone you can talk to about faith issues and someone who can support you through the Confirmation process. Because Baptism and Confirmation are so closely linked, you may wish to consider one of your Godparents to be your sponsor.

To be a confirmation sponsor a person must:

- Understand and take seriously his/her own baptismal promises
- Live an active life of faith in and through a parish affiliation
- Be a fully initiated Catholic (received Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation)
- Be at least sixteen (16) years of age
- Receive a letter of recommendation from his/her pastor
- A parent cannot be your Confirmation sponsor

If your sponsor is a member of St. John the Baptist Church, your sponsor will need to:

- Call the Rectory at 937-6959 and tell the Parish Secretary that he or she has been asked to be a Confirmation Sponsor, is a parishioner, and would like to be approved.
- The sponsor may be asked to sign a statement attesting they have met Sponsor Requirements.

If your sponsor is NOT a member of St. John the Baptist Church, your sponsor will need to:

- Call his or her home parish.
- Tell the Parish Secretary that he or she has been asked to be a Confirmation Sponsor and needs a letter of recommendation from the pastor.
- The secretary can send the letter to the sponsor or directly to
St. John the Baptist Department of Religious Education
2028 Sandridge Rd.
Alden, NY 14004
- If the sponsor's parish is sending the letter directly to us, please check with our office to confirm that we have received the letter.