

SPONSORS are role models for the Catholic Christian

2013-2014

Guidelines for Choosing a Sponsor Confirmation candidates are asked to select a sponsor. The sponsor does just that: he/she sponsors, guides, vouches for, assists the young person in fulfilling their Baptismal promises, which they now make for themselves as part of the celebration of the Sacrament. A sponsor is a role model for being a practicing Catholic. All this is done through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We ask that you choose a sponsor by September 30 so that he/she can be invited to the Youth / Sponsor gathering scheduled for Sunday, October 28 starting with 10 am Mass at the Basilica and ending at about 1:30. Lunch will be included! *If the sponsor is unable to attend, a parent or other adult may stand in.*

Confirmation Sponsor Guidelines:

A sponsor is to be present not only for the Confirmation celebration, but in the young person's life in this important time of preparation and in years to come. The sponsor is a representative of the whole Church community into which the candidate is being confirmed and fully initiated through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Many young people choose a godparent (Baptism sponsor) for their Confirmation sponsor. Keep in mind that the sponsor should ideally be someone who lives in the area, so he or she can meet with you on a regular basis and attend gatherings at your parish. There is no specification regarding the gender of the sponsor, but it IS important that the candidate be able to identify with the sponsor in terms of Christian living.

The sponsor should be: Mature in practicing his/her Catholic Faith.

Fully initiated, having received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist **and one who participates in the Eucharist weekly.**

A faith-filled Catholic relative or friend of the candidate.

(Diocesan Confirmation Guidelines, Page 15)

Willing to grow and mature in his or her own faith.

It is recommended that the sponsor be at least 22 years old.

Parents are not to be chosen as sponsors.

Sponsor Roles:

Communicate on a regular basis (monthly, if possible) with candidate to share faith issues or experiences of making moral choices. Suggestions will be provided.

Participate in the Candidate/Sponsor Session on October 28, 2013

10 am Mass at St. Stanislaus and Session to follow in Church Hall

Attend Confirmation Rehearsal, Saturday (tentatively May 17)

Attend the Confirmation Liturgy on Sat TBA (May 17) 7 pm at St. Stan's Church.

Confirmation Prep Sessions: Sponsors are always WELCOME, but not required to attend the adult portion of any of the other monthly sessions, other than the October session.

Attend 10 am Mass and the Sessions will follow Mass

Sessions held at St. Stanislaus Church Monthly dates for Mass & Session: TBA