CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

With the help of your parents, you are responsible for choosing a Confirmation Sponsor. While it is not a decision we want you to rush into making, we recommend you ask your sponsor as soon as possible because they will be a valuable resource throughout the preparation for your Confirmation.

Here are some guidelines to help you choose a sponsor…

- Church Law states sponsors must be…
  - at least 16 years of age
  - a Confirmed Catholic
  - living in accordance with the Catholic faith
- It is perfectly appropriate, but not required, to ask your Godparents to be your sponsor; this emphasizes the strong connection between the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.
- You may not choose either of your parents to be your sponsor.
- There is no requirement that sponsors for boys must be men or sponsors for girls must be women. You may choose either a man or a woman.
- Your sponsor should be available for your Confirmation on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory Parish. It is best if your sponsor can be an active part of your life, especially over the next year. The Spirit Sunday for Candidates and their Sponsors on November 7th is a great opportunity for this!

If you are having trouble choosing a sponsor, ask yourself some of these questions…

- Who do I look to as a model in my faith?
- Who challenges me to become the man or woman God wants me to be?
- Who has been a constant support to me in my faith over the years, and who do I see supporting me for the rest of my life?
- Who has time to dedicate to helping me grow to love the Lord more during this time of preparation, as well as after my Confirmation?
- Who has influenced me to want to be an active part of the Catholic Church?

Think about it. Pray about it. Talk to your parents about it. **Once you have chosen your sponsor, fill out your Sponsor Decision Card and turn it in to Jonathan Schaefer at the Parish Office no later than October 9th.**