
Confirmation Sponsor Guidelines

1. Requirements for a Sponsor

Be chosen by the candidate;

Be 16 years of age or older;

Be a fully initiated (all three sacraments of initiation) practicing Catholic in good canonical standing who participates in Sunday liturgy, leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken and is willing and able to participate in the Eucharist.

Not be the father nor mother of the one to be confirmed;

Ideally be the baptismal sponsor so that the link between Baptism and Confirmation is expressed clearly;



2. Role of a Sponsor

- Model how a person of faith lives in today's world;
- A person who knows the candidate, and can witness to the maturing faith of the candidate before the community;
- Guide, confidante, and listener;
- A learner who is interested in his/her faith development as he/she walks in the faith journey of the candidate;
- A mentor who will continue after Confirmation to walk the faith journey with the candidate and invite the candidate into fuller participation in parish life and service.

3. Sponsors are Expected to

Attend specific gatherings -Days of Reflection, Rehearsal, and Confirmation

Meet / Talk with the candidate outside of "Classes" and "Gatherings" to assist in the growth in knowledge, worship, and participation in the parish community.

4. Once you decide on your sponsor you need to:

- ◆ For a sponsor who is also a parishioner of St. John Neumann—Ask them to make an appointment with Fr. Cocucci and come in to have a Sponsorship Certificate Form signed. They will receive this form when they come in to have this done.
 - ◆ For a Non-parishioner sponsor—Please pick up at the Church office a Non-Parishioner Sponsorship Certificate form and have your intended sponsor have it **signed and sealed** by their Pastor.
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