

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR DUTIES

A person in the role of Sponsor should be a Confirmed Catholic themselves, should be actively living their faith and be in good standing with the Catholic community.

The duties of a sponsor are twofold:

1. To help prepare the candidate for full entrance into the Community of the church and
2. To present the candidate to the Bishop during the Confirmation ceremony.

When, because of extenuating circumstances, the person who is asked to be the candidate's sponsor cannot perform both of these functions, the candidate will be asked to choose two sponsors. One of these sponsors will fulfill the *Ceremonial* functions and one will act as *Faith Mentor*, working through the apprentice materials with the candidate. If a candidate cannot find a sponsor to act as *Faith Mentor*, the Director of the program will help in finding a person from the parish community to fill this role. The specific responsibilities involved in this type of arrangement are as follows:

FAITH MENTOR

- Attend Orientation Meeting with Candidate Thursday, November 29, 7 pm
- Work with Candidate on service project (December/January)
- Attend Sponsor/Candidate Session Wednesday, January 16 at 7:00 pm
- Meet at least three times (approximately 1 ½ hours each time.) to work on apprentice materials (February – August)
- Candidate/Sponsor session 11:30 am Sunday, April 28
- Write a letter of recommendation for Candidate (September 2019)

CEREMONIAL

- Attend practice, present Candidate for Confirmation (date TBD)



CONFIRMATION SPONSOR COMMITMENT

I, _____, agree to work with _____ as their Sponsor in the St. Matthew Confirmation Program. I commit myself to sharing with them my personal faith; how it plays a role in my family, my work and my involvement in my faith community. I pledge to help them examine the Promises made by their parents and God-parents for them at their Baptism, and how they can embrace them now for themselves through Confirmation. I promise to hold them in prayer throughout their preparation, and to be present to them as a faith-mentor throughout this time as well as after it. By accepting this role I affirm that I am a confirmed practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. It is with great joy that I take on this responsibility and privilege.

Signed _____

Date _____

Sponsor Contact Information

Full Name _____
(first) (last)

Mailing address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Home Parish _____

Please return to: St. Matthew Parish Office, Attn: Michael Westenberg, 130 St. Matthew St., Green Bay, WI 54301