

CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

What is a Sponsor?

A sponsor is a person who encourages and assists a candidate to embrace and actively practice the Catholic faith both before and after Confirmation. The sponsor also presents the candidate to the Bishop (or his delegate) at the celebration of Confirmation.

Who can be a Sponsor?

Being a sponsor is not just an honor. The sponsor must be an active, practicing Catholic who can be a role model for the candidate. It is recommended (although not required) that the sponsor be the same person who was godparent at Baptism to foster a greater sense of the unity between Baptism and Confirmation. The sponsor may be different from the baptismal sponsor, but may not be one of the parents of a candidate. If it is not possible to choose a godparent as your sponsor, then you might ask someone else whom you see as an example of a committed, practicing Catholic. This could be a grandparent, aunt or uncle, other relative, family friend, parent of one of your friends, a teacher. When choosing a sponsor, please be aware that one must:

- † Be a strong Christian example of the faith and willing to build an on-going spiritual relationship with the candidate
- † Be regularly practicing Catholic, receiving the sacraments
- † If married, must be married according to the norms of the Catholic Church – and not be bound by any canonical penalty
- † Be a registered member of a parish
- † Be at least 16 years of age

A Prayer to Help Choose a Sponsor

Holy Spirit, helper and guide, give me wisdom as I choose my Confirmation sponsor.

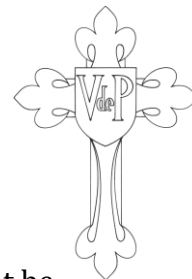
Help me to choose a person of prayer
who will teach me also to be a person of prayer
who will support me in difficult times,
who will guide me to make good choices,
and who will challenge me when I do not.



Help me to choose someone who will love me and teach me to love Jesus.
Thank you for giving me a community of people around me to support and guide me as I take this important step in becoming more fully a member of your Church. Amen.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFIRMATION SPONSOR INFORMATION FORM

Student's Full Name _____



SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS

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OTHER NOTES

It is recommended (although not required) that the sponsor be the same person who was godparent at Baptism to foster a greater sense of the unity between baptism and confirmation. The sponsor may be different from the baptismal sponsor **but may not be one of the parents of the candidate**. If the sponsor is not able to be present for the Rite of Confirmation, a parent or other Christian witness may stand as Proxy.

TO BE COMPLETED BY CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE ABOUT THE SPONSOR:

We will contact **EACH** sponsor's parish office for the verification needed; however, it is absolutely necessary that the full name, address, city, state, and zip of that parish, as well as the full name of the sponsor, be included.

Last _____ First _____ M.I. _____

Day Phone: _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____

Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Relationship to student (godparent, uncle, friend, etc.) _____

Sponsor is a registered member of:

Full Name of Parish: _____

Parish Address: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSOR'S PARISH:

Pastor's Signature: _____

Parish Seal: