

Holy Communion Evangelical Catholic Church

Confirmation Sponsor Requirements

THE IMPORTANCE OF A SPONSOR

- The role of a sponsor is an important one for the growing faith of each candidate. The sponsor is more than a person who simply shows up on the day of the Confirmation Mass, he or she walks alongside the candidate through the entire journey.
- To the sponsors: Thank you for saying yes to this great role. The teenager asked you to be their sponsor because they see something in you that they admire and want to emulate, especially in the area of their Catholic Faith.
- The concept of people mentoring others goes back to the early Church.
- St. Paul mentored St. Timothy. He sent him two letters that gave him instructions on how to live out the faith. Timothy and Paul traveled together, and when Paul was martyred, Timothy continued the ministry of St. Paul.
- St Paul encouraged Timothy in his faith, gave him advice and instruction, called him out, and prayed for him. These are all roles a sponsor fills in the life of a candidate.
- The role of the sponsor is to be a spiritual support for the candidate. He or she helps the candidate grow in his or her spiritual life.
- Our faith is not lived out in isolation, it is lived out in community. As a sponsor, you represent the larger Church and our faith community for the candidate.
- A **sponsor** is not a position that one holds just until a candidate is confirmed; it's a lifelong role. A sponsor is responsible for the continuing growth of a candidate; in the same way a godparent is responsible for the spiritual growth of a child after Baptism.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR A SPONSOR

1. Be at least 16 years old.
2. Be a baptized and confirmed Catholic who has received Holy Communion.
3. Be living a life in harmony with the Catholic faith and role undertaken.