

## CONFIRMATION

If your child attends our local Catholic schools, he or she will receive a registration form through the school, which parents will be asked to attend an orientation meeting to explain the process of confirmation. Please contact the parish office for further information.

For your immediate reference, below is information regarding the selection and role of a sponsor and important dates to remember.

The selection of a sponsor is a very important step in preparing to receive the sacrament of confirmation. Hopefully with God's help, you will reflect wisely and pray hard so that your choice for a sponsor will be a good one, a lifelong selection. To help you in your selection, we have provided some information and guidelines.

### Qualities of a Sponsor

1. Fully initiated Catholic (baptism, first communion, confirmation), at least 15 years of age, either male or female, but NOT one of the parents.
2. Practicing Catholic in "good standing" with the Church who faithfully attends Sunday Mass regularly (as a role model for the candidate)
3. Trustworthy and able to maintain confidentiality
4. Willing to give time to candidate during the preparation leading to Confirmation
5. Ideally, "actively" involved in their own parish community
6. Ideally, a good understanding of the role of the Church in the world and a basic knowledge of Scripture and the teachings of the Church

### Role of The Sponsor

1. Be supportive and accompany candidate to liturgy and parish functions (information sessions, rehearsals)
2. Witness to the primacy of Sunday Eucharist in the life of the Catholic and to the power of communal worship for God's people
3. Be attentive to the liturgical year and how it is celebrated in the church and at home

4. Share information with the candidate on matters of Catholic practice (Rosary, Stations of the Cross, genuflection, holy water, etc.)
5. Be willing to discuss one's own struggles with faith and be open to listening to the struggles of the candidate while remaining confidential
6. Pray with and for the candidate
7. Be ready to witness to the candidate's faith and be present for the Confirmation