

PRIMARY ROLE OF A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

A sponsor has three primary roles:

1. To assist the candidate in preparing for Confirmation
2. To present the candidate for Confirmation, and
3. To help the confirmed person to live out his or her Christian faith fully.

There are several ways you can help your candidate.

Share your own experiences. Lead him or her closer to Christ by telling your candidate about your own spiritual journey.

Spend time talking and listening. Help your candidate grow in understanding and acceptance of Christ and the teachings of his Church.

Encourage him or her to grow in virtue and to set aside any habits that would prevent his or her soul from being fully open and ready to receive all the gifts God wants to give him or her through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

QUALIFICATIONS OF A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

A sponsor must have the following qualifications

1. Be a Catholic who is at least sixteen years old
2. Have received the Sacrament of Confirmation
3. Be a person who leads "a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on." [*Code of Canon Law 874*]
4. Not be a parent of the candidate.

If the sponsor is not a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, we need a letter from the pastor of their current church stating he/she meets the qualifications to serve as a Confirmation sponsor.