

## SPONSOR FAQs:

### Who should my sponsor for Confirmation be?

Your Confirmation sponsor should be a confirmed adult in the Catholic Church. This person should be someone that you look up to and someone that you go to for help in guiding you through the everyday trials of life. Sometimes your sponsor is your Godparent, but many times sponsors can be aunts, uncles, family friends, etc. Parents are not eligible to be sponsors, as they are your primary catechists; the point of a sponsor is to have another individual walk alongside you as you prepare.

### What are the responsibilities of my sponsor?

Your sponsor is responsible for helping you walk through your preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. You should plan to meet with/talk to this person at least monthly throughout the next eight months. They should also plan to attend the student-sponsor sessions held throughout the year (see the schedule above), as well as the Confirmation rehearsal the night prior to the ceremony. They should serve as a mentor, a guide, and a support to you as you grow in your Catholic faith. At the first student-sponsor session, sponsors will be able to pick up a curriculum guide which will enable them to walk with the students through the eight months of preparation for Confirmation. Packets will also be available for parents to pick up as well, if desired. Sponsors unable to attend this session (i.e. those that live more than one hour away) can email Jen or Lois to request the packet electronically.

### Can my sponsor be from out-of-town?

Sponsors can perform their duties from long-distance, but you'll want to be sure to set up a monthly meeting with them in order to chat about your progress in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. Again, this person should be able to serve as a resource and a sounding board as you grow to love Jesus and understand God's will for your life. If you can do this via the phone/Skype/etc., then your sponsor can certainly be from out-of-town.

### Can my sponsor be non-Catholic?

No. Your sponsor needs to be a Confirmed member of the Catholic Church. We certainly invite your friend and faith supporters to share your special day with us, but only confirmed practicing Catholics will be able to serve as your sponsor.

### What if my sponsor cannot be here for the ceremony?

In some cases, we are able to arrange for a proxy to stand in for your sponsor if it's necessary for him/her to be absent.

**Please detach the bottom portion of the sheet and turn in to Lois Mersmann for our records:**

### SPONSOR INFORMATION SHEET:

**Due by October 16, 2016**

Confirmation Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor of Confirmation Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student/student family: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_