



Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish

Office of Faith Formation

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SPONSORS

The Confirmation sponsor represents all the people of the church. The role of the sponsor is to present the candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation and to guide them toward Christ and His Church by witnessing their own love of the Faith in their everyday lives. Your sponsor should be someone you know and trust and can confide in. They can be one of your godparents if you wish. The following are guidelines for those who may be a sponsor:

- One sponsor, male or female. No candidate can have more than one sponsor; however, more than one candidate can share one sponsor.
- A sponsor must be appointed by the candidate, possibly with the assistance of their parents, and must be willing to provide spiritual guidance to the candidate. **The sponsor cannot be the candidate's mother or father (a parent can be a proxy if one is needed).**
- A sponsor must be age 16 or older, unless the parish priest considers that there is a just reason for an exception to be made.
- A sponsor must be a fully initiated Catholic (one who has been baptized, received first Holy Communion, and Confirmed in the Catholic faith) and not labored under a canonical penalty, whether imposed or declared. If the person you are considering as a sponsor is not married according to the laws and practices of the Catholic Church, or is cohabitating (living together without marriage), you will need to consider someone else. Any Catholic who is divorced and remarried, and whose previous marriage has not been annulled by a Decree of Invalidity is considered a member of the Church living in an irregular (or invalid) marriage and as such is not eligible to be a sponsor.
- A sponsor must be an active, registered member of a Catholic parish, and attends Sunday Masses and any holy days of obligation. A sponsor must also believe and profess all that the Catholic Church teaches.
- A sponsor is not required to be present on the day of the Celebration of Confirmation. A sponsor may be represented by a proxy. If you plan to have a proxy, he/she must be either a baptized Christian and/or a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing.