



How to pick your Sponsor: What is required by Canon Law? Confirmation & First Eucharist



- Can 892: Insofar as possible, there is to be a sponsor for the person to be confirmed (candidate); the sponsor is to take care that the confirmed person behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations inherent in this sacrament.
- Can 893 §1: be designated by the one to be confirmed, or by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence, by the pastor.;
- §2: must be sixteen years old;
- §3: must be a Catholic who has received the sacraments of Confirmed and First Eucharist. **She/He must attend Mass and receive Eucharist on a regular weekly basis, and lead a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on.** **
- §4 not be the father or the mother of the one to be confirmed.
- §5: It is desirable (but not mandatory) to choose as sponsor the one who undertook the same function in baptism.

** The person who is chosen to be the sponsor has to serve as a faithful, moral, and prayerful Catholic role model for the candidate. They are to be a continual guide and support for the candidate throughout their whole life. The sponsor along with the parents, and community, is taking on the responsibility to nurture the Catholic faith in their candidate. During the celebration the candidates are asked to renew their baptismal promises, teaching this faith and living accordingly is the responsibility of the sponsor.

Being a sponsor is no light task. Please prayerfully consider, discuss, and discern the best person to take on this role. Having this conversation with your family and the potential sponsor is a wonderful way to talk about and teach the faith that the candidates are going to be fully initiated into. It is important to take time to think and pray on this.

Your child can only have **one** sponsor. If the person that you feel would be the best sponsor is unable to attend the celebration they should still be the sponsor. You will need to choose a proxy to stand in for them. **The proxy cannot be a parent!**

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