

Confirmation Sponsors

*Each candidate for Confirmation must have a sponsor. The role of this person is to support and encourage the candidate, to accept and carry out an adult commitment to Christ. **The sponsor must be a confirmed Roman Catholic, active in their faith, and at least 16 years old. A parent cannot be the sponsor of their child.** The candidate should take time to pray and reflect on whom they will ask to be their faith companion. A sponsor may be someone in their life, who they see as a true follower of Christ. They may be a role model for your teens spiritual/religious life, help them realize the value of a sponsor's role in their present and always growing faith life. This sacrament will fully initiate your son/daughter into the Catholic Church. They have continued to grow in the knowledge of their faith and are about to enter into a deeper relationship with the Trinity. "Your youngster, sealed in faith by the Spirit of God, becomes more fully what you asked on the baptismal day: a new creation in Christ, blessed with a magnificent though yet unseen future."*

Confirmation Name: Human identity normally finds expression in a name. To speak of Christian identity is to add a name~Christian, Catholic~to the deeply personal name you spoke at Baptism. Now, at Confirmation, your child chooses an intimate identity: a name. Using the name they were given at their baptism for their Confirmation name is sometimes the choice, for it emphasizes the link with Baptism. However your son/daughter may want to pick a name that has some personal meaning to them, a family member or friend whose witness has made a real difference in their life. Some people find a saint, or historical figure they admire and take this as their Confirmation name. Any choice is significant; it will mean something to your child. This name will be with them always as a reminder of who and what they were called to be on the day of Confirmation, and everyday there after. One link that is necessary is, that the name must have a connection to your child's Christian identity. Let them pray about this, take time to select a name, maybe they will find out some wonderful stories about the well known and not so well know saints, that have given so much devotion, insights and diversity to our faith.

A Confirmation name is optional.