

Role of Sponsor:

The sponsor is ideally the same sponsor (godparent) from Baptism. A sponsor assists the candidate by sharing in a close way his or her faith journey and preparation for Confirmation and helping the candidate live as a true witness of Christ. To be a sponsor, Church law requires that the person be *a Confirmed Catholic, other than the candidate's parent, who has received Eucharist and is leading a life of faithful adherence to the dictates of the Roman Catholic Church.*

No one may serve as sponsor if they are not attending Mass on Sundays or are living in a manner contradictory to Catholic moral and social teaching. Any person who has negative feelings toward the Church or the Faith should not be considered until such issues have been dealt with peacefully.

To make the most of the relationship between candidate and sponsor, sponsors may make use of the following suggestions.

- Make the candidate your priority. Try to set up some time, maybe 30 minutes or more on a regular basis (weekly, monthly), to sit and discuss issues pertaining to their faith development.
- Be positive about your own Catholic faith. Allow the candidate to share your story of how your faith helped in times of crisis or doubt.
- Make it a point at least occasionally to attend the same weekend Mass and sit together.
- Finally, on your own pray for the candidate and the success of her or his preparation.