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CONFIRMATION SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS

It is considered an honor and privilege to be chosen as a Confirmation Sponsor.

The Sponsor will be a witness to the Confirmation Candidate's initiation into full Christian life. Through the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Candidate is strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, made a true witness of Christ in word and deed, and invited more deeply into the life of the Church.

"... The sponsor brings the candidate to receive the sacrament, presents him/her to the minister for the anointing, and will later help him/ her to fulfill his/ her baptismal promises faithfully under the influences of the Holy Spirit."

— (Rite of Confirmation. Introduction #5)

The Archdiocese of Galveston Houston sets forth the following Requirements for a Confirmation Sponsor:

- The sponsor must be designated (by candidate or parents) and have the intention of the role. (Only one Sponsor per Candidate)
- The sponsor must have completed their sixteenth year.
- The sponsor must be a Catholic who has been Confirmed, and has received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and lives a life of harmony with the Catholic faith and the role to be undertaken.
- The sponsor must not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared.
- The sponsor may NOT be the parent of the one to be confirmed.

The Role of a Sponsor:

- The Sponsor is to be a role model of Christian living for the person you have sponsored, through daily prayer, virtue and active participation in parish life and liturgy.
- The Sponsor will nurture a close personal and spiritual relationship with the Candidate during the Confirmation preparation year and throughout their lifetime.
- Listen to and share in the Candidates maturing struggles and triumphs in living a Christian life, and keep yourself informed on Catholic Christian doctrine and values to be able to answer questions when they arise.

"The Sponsor's function is to take care that the person confirmed behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the duties of this sacrament."

— (Code of Canon Law #892)

If a Sponsor is unable to attend the Confirmation Mass another adult may stand in their place as a proxy. A Proxy is held to the same Archdiocesan Conditions and Requirements as a Confirmation Sponsor.