



St Frances of Rome

Youth Confirmation Sponsor Role and Responsibilities

Congratulations! You have been chosen by a young person for a special role. A wonderful adventure in the spiritual life awaits the two of you. As a Confirmation sponsor, you will be accepting a responsibility that is an honor in our Church. Your role is to spiritually walk with the candidate during the preparation for the sacrament. You will be assisting the young person in being a true witness and disciple of Jesus, and representing the community when you present your candidate to the bishop.

As a Confirmation sponsor, your role is to encourage the faith of your candidate and be an “example” to your Confirmation candidate. Therefore, you must be a practicing Catholic who is in good standing with the Catholic Church. Please read below for requirements.

The Code of Canon Law (Church Law) specifies the requirements for serving as a sponsor at Confirmation (Canon 893) are the same as those for godparents at Baptism, Canon 874, which states the following;

- **The Sponsor may not be the parent of the person being confirmed;**
- **Sponsor must be at least 18 years old for the Diocese of San Bernardino**
- **Sponsor must be fully initiated have celebrated the following sacraments; Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist.**
- **If the sponsor is married, he or she must be in a valid Catholic marriage; and live a life of active faith in the Catholic Church.**

Responsibilities

The sponsor represents the support and prayers of the entire Church. He or she will be the candidate's "spiritual companion." During this process, the following is asked of you as the sponsor:

1. Spend time getting to know the candidate, if you do not know your candidate that well.
2. Share your faith story with the candidate.
3. Attend Mass with the candidate when possible and share the Gospel message.
4. Pray for and with the candidate.
5. Complete and Return the **Sponsor Eligibility Form with copies of sacrament certificates** on or before **November 1, 2021**
6. Attend the Confirmation Mass and present the candidate during the Confirmation Rite. (**Date to be announced.**)
7. Continue to be present for the candidate and lend spiritual support after the candidate receives the Sacrament of Confirmation.

