

## The Role of a Sponsor

- **Called to have a relationship with you:** This person is someone that you already have a relationship with who can assist you in becoming a better, holier person. This is someone that you would feel comfortable talking to about difficulties you are having in your life. Someone that you would go to for guidance and prayer.
- **Called to Nurture and Support your Catholic Faith:** In other words your sponsor is a Catholic Mentor. This person should be someone who challenges you and supports you in becoming a fully active adult in the Catholic Church.
- **Called to be Present:** A sponsor is not simply a ceremonial role. This is a person that is called to walk with you on your spiritual journey for life. Try to choose a person who can spend time with you and be there for you during important moments in your life.

### Great People to Consider:

- Your godparents
- An aunt, uncle, cousin or older sibling
- Someone whom you admire who is active at St Timothy's.
- A best friend's parent

## Requirements to be a Sponsor

Your sponsor must be:

1. A fully initiated Catholic (meaning they have received the sacraments of baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation).
2. A "practicing" Catholic: aka someone who is actively receiving the Sacraments and is attending Mass.
3. A registered parishioner of a Parish.
4. At least 16 years old and mature enough to assist you spiritually, intellectually, and morally.
5. Live in harmony with the Church. Meaning that they live a Christian lifestyle.
6. In good standing with the Church. This means that the potential sponsor doesn't have an impediment to being a sponsor. The most common being an invalid marriage. This includes any adult who has been divorced *and* remarried *without* a prior annulment. Please call Marissa if you have any concerns.

Parents may NOT be a sponsor. It is highly encouraged to choose a godparent as a sponsor to show the direct link between the sacrament of baptism and Confirmation when possible.

Now that you have a sponsor in mind take this Quiz to see if you made the right choice:

## **Sponsor Quiz: Is this the right person for me?**

- 1) Is my sponsor someone that I would feel comfortable praying with?
- 2) Does following the life example of this person inspire me to be holier?
- 3) If I strayed from the Catholic faith would this person approach me to talk about it?
- 4) Is this person someone that I see and talk to enough to really have an impact on my life?
- 5) Would I feel comfortable talking to this person when I have tough decisions to make, especially moral decisions?
- 6) Can this person attend my Confirmation Mass on June 9, 2017?
- 7) Is this person a practicing Catholic, enrolled at a Catholic Church?
- 8) Is this person a fully initiated Catholic (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) and at least 16?
- 9) I have no concerns that there is anything in this person's life that could prevent him/her from being my sponsor.
- 10) I have discussed this sponsor choice with my CFF and or parents.

### ANSWERS

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Did you get all 10 Yes's?!

Then it's time to ask this person to be your sponsor. Don't let your parents do it- you do it.

When you speak to your potential sponsor, go over the following:

- WHY: The reasons why you would like him/her to be your sponsor.
- INVITE: Invite him/her to Spirit Day on April 15, from 4-8pm, the Confirmation Mass Rehearsal on June 6 at 7pm and the Confirmation Mass on June 9 at 11am (arrival time 10:30am).
- GET STARTED: Together the two of you should complete this [Sponsor Info Form online](#) by Monday, January 29.
- Also share with them about how to obtain a [Sponsor Certificate](#) from their Parish.