



HOLY FAMILY
PARISH

About your Confirmation Sponsor



Your Confirmation Sponsor will be an invaluable assistant to your parents in handing on the faith to you. A Confirmation Sponsor is all of the following:

- **An active, practicing Catholic** who has already celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and if married, is married validly in the Church. The Church recognizes that **a person can only hand on what they have already celebrated and live.** (If your Sponsor is not a member Holy Family Parish in Stow, he/she will have to ask his/her Catholic Parish for a Sponsor's Certificate which should be attached to the Confirmation Sponsor Form when it is submitted.) Is not one of your parents.
- May be a male or a female (does not need to be the same gender as you).
- **Mature, more informed and more experienced in the ways of our faith** and culture than you (the candidate), who can give you a clearer perspective on living a life of faith in Christ.
- **An older sibling might not be the best choice** - you want someone who will take this seriously and will be there for you! It is suggested that in choosing an older sibling, that they be at a maturity level capable of interacting and guiding the candidate at the retreat and throughout the process.
- **Willing to complete the workbook *Have Faith – Sustaining the Spirit for Confirmation and Beyond* which includes conversation regarding subject matter in the workbook.**
- A person who already has a relationship of trust with you, in whom you can confide and with whom you can speak freely.
- Willing to share his or her faith with you and assist your parents as the first examples of ones who live their faith as an example to you.
- Willing to talk and walk with you on your faith journey; to give time to you before Confirmation and to make a commitment **to continue the faith journey long after the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.**
- Able to be at the Candidate/Sponsor Retreat October 14, 2013, the Practice the Sunday before Confirmation and the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in September. (We have not yet received the date from the Bishop's Office.) **Please have your sponsor mark their calendar for these dates.**

You should spend some time praying about your choice of a Confirmation Sponsor. It is also a good idea to talk with someone (your parents, priest or youth minister) about your choice.

Any questions about your choice of a Confirmation Sponsor or a Sponsor's eligibility to be a Sponsor should be directed to Barbie Byrne (330)688-6412 ext 271 or byrne@holyfamilystow.org.

Complete the Confirmation Sponsor Form (attached) and bring it to your entrance interview **in August 2013.**

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