

## **What is a Sponsor?**

**A sponsor has three primary roles:**

1. To assist the candidate in preparing for Confirmation,
2. To present the candidate for Confirmation
3. To help the confirmed person to live out his or her Christian faith fully.

### **Qualifications of the Sponsor**

- The sponsor should be at least 18 years of age, a mature person of faith, and a confirmed Catholic in good standing.
- The sponsor reflects Catholic Christian values in word, worship and service.
- The sponsor may be male or female, may be a Baptismal Sponsor/Godparent, and may NOT be a parent of the candidate.
- The sponsor meets personally with his/her candidate on a regular basis to discuss candidate's prayer life, to share faith and to answer questions.
- The sponsor is friendly, trustworthy, and a good listener.
- It is helpful and advisable that sponsors are active members of the parish.

### **Expectations of the Sponsor**

- Participate in activities of the two-year Confirmation process with the candidate.
- Attend the candidate/sponsor night each year of preparation. (see calendar for specific dates)
- Meets regularly with the candidate to encourage and assist the candidate to grow in knowledge, in prayer, in service, in worship, and in participation in the parish community.
- Attends the Confirmation rehearsal and Rite during the 2<sup>nd</sup> year.