

QUALIFICATIONS OF THE SPONSOR

The sponsor teaches faith by personal example; leads by being a model; lends support in difficulties; is prepared to vouch for the sincerity of the candidate; and is actively affiliated with the parish sacramental process. In order to appropriately fulfill this role the sponsor must:

- understand and take seriously his/her own baptismal promises
- show his/her continued acceptance of the Gospel challenge
- live a life of faith in and through a Roman Catholic parish affiliation
- have completed the initiation process (received Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation)
- be at least sixteen (16) years of age
- receive a letter of recommendation from his/her pastor (including St. Greg's parishioners)
- not be the parent of the candidate, but may be the baptismal sponsor of the candidate.
- be willing to participate in the preparation of the candidate for Confirmation

Additional Information:

- it is desirable that the godparent at Baptism, if able, also be the sponsor for Confirmation
- according to the revised Code of Canon Law, a **single** sponsor for each candidate should be chosen. **A PARENT MAY NOT BE A SPONSOR**
- the sponsor does not have to be of the same sex as the candidate
- you will be spending several hours in Confirmation preparation with your sponsor, so make sure it is someone you are comfortable talking to about your faith.

The following conditions would exclude persons from taking the role of a sponsor:

- has not been Confirmed
- does not attend Mass or receive Holy Communion regularly
- parents who fail to see to the Religious Education of their school aged children
- those who give public scandal
- Easter Duty neglected or omitted
- married outside the Catholic Church
- divorced persons who have remarried outside the Church

A letter of recommendation is a letter from a sponsor's home parish stating that the sponsor is a member in good standing who fulfills the qualifications for sponsorship.

ALL sponsors must provide this letter.