



SPONSOR CHOICE PAPER GUIDELINES:

The first choice when deciding who will be your Confirmation Sponsor is to consider one of your Baptismal Godparents. The Church encourages this to show the intimate connection between Baptism and Confirmation. If this choice is impossible because of present circumstances (godparents have died, no longer practicing the Catholic Faith, etc.), you may choose a man or woman, sixteen years or older, who is fully initiated (Baptized, Confirmed, and has received the Sacrament of the Eucharist), is a practicing Catholic (attends Mass and the sacraments faithfully and shows care and concern for others), and is someone you can trust and with whom you want to discuss matters regarding your spiritual life and growth. Parents, who are already the first teachers of faith for their children, non-Catholics, or a person who is not physically present often to the Confirmation candidate, are not to be chosen as sponsors.

After careful consideration, please write a paper telling us whom you have chosen to be your Confirmation sponsor and why you have chosen this individual. This paper is due whenever you are ready to make this decision, but no later than **December 6, 2017.**

Then, be sure to mail or give your sponsor the special pages designed for him or her in your Confirmation packet. They will need to fill out the information and return to us as quickly as possible, but no later than January 17, 2018.

If for any reason, you cannot think of someone you can invite to be your sponsor, please contact Lisa Mersereau, Kathy McGourty, or your catechist. They will try to assist you in finding a sponsor and/or suggest an appropriate parish adult sponsor.

Sponsor Choice Paper Due: December 6, 2017