

One of the baptismal godparents should be your sponsor:

*CCC 1311: Candidates for Confirmations, as for Baptism, fittingly seek the spiritual help of the sponsor. To emphasize the unity of the two sacraments, it is appropriate that this be one of the baptismal godparents.
(Cf. Rite of Confirmation, Introduction 5; 6; CIC, can. 893. 1-2)*

If your godparent can not sponsor because of death or is no longer a practicing Catholic:

When choosing a sponsor you are looking for someone

- 1) you trust,
- 2) who you admire because they are close to the Lord and the Church
- 3) who cares for you and will challenge and support you in living a Christian life.

The sponsor's job is not just to come to the Confirmation ceremony but is a serious commitment to be part of your ongoing life.

These are the requirements for sponsors that are required by the Code of Canon Law (Church Law), 872, 873, 874

The sponsor

- Must be baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church, have the use of reason and have the intention to be a sponsor
- Cannot be the mother or father of the one being confirmed
- Must be at least 16 years old
- Know the basic truths of the Catholic faith and be a practicing Catholic who attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, who is able to receive the Sacraments according to the minimum requirements and makes sure their own family receives religious instruction.
- If married, must be married according to the teachings of the Catholic Church.
(Must be married in the Catholic Church before a priest or deacon.)

Please consider all of the above when deciding on a sponsor. After you have chosen a sponsor and they have agreed to serve please give them the form to be filled out, signed by their priest and sealed with the parish seal.

If you have questions visit with Vicki Gable in the RE Office.

No one can serve as sponsor without the completed form.