The Role of Sponsor

Each candidate, with the guidance of his/her parents, is responsible for choosing a sponsor. Since the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation is the completion of your Baptism it is recommended that, if possible, your godparents be selected as your Confirmation sponsor. This choice would express more clearly the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation and would make the function of the sponsor more effective; however, this is just a recommendation.

SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS:

- Church law states that a sponsor must be at least 16 years of age, be a confirmed Catholic and be living according to the Catholic faith. It is the responsibility of the sponsor to give assurances of his/her qualifications. There is no regulation determining that men must sponsor boys or women must sponsor girls. The worksheet on the back of this page will assist you with the process of discerning a sponsor.

- During the time of preparation, sponsors are to take an active role in the Confirmation program and communicate with their candidate on a regular basis for faith sharing. Each month sponsor will receive an update to assist with their mentoring their candidate.

  SPONSORS ARE ASKED TO FORWARD A REGULARLY CHECKED EMAIL ADDRESS TO:
  inforeligioused@srb-chicago.org.

- Just prior to the celebration of Confirmation each Confirmation Sponsor is asked to write a letter to Fr. Neil Fackler, the pastor, on behalf of the young person they are sponsoring for the sacrament. In the letter the Confirmation Sponsor is asked to give evidence regarding:

  - The candidate’s readiness to receive the sacrament,
  - How they have seen the candidate grow in their spiritual lives,
  - If the candidate fully understands the commitment they are about to make and their willingness to make that commitment freely, sincerely and without reservation.
  - How they as sponsors will continue to nurture and support the faith life of the candidate.

  Letters are to be received by Wednesday February 1, 2017 (due date extension - February 6th)

SPONSOR LETTER DELIVERY OPTIONS

Postal Mail to: St. Robert Bellarmine Parish: Faith Formation Office / 4646 N Austin Ave. / Chicago, IL 60630
Attention - Faith Formation Office / Sponsor Letter

Email to: inforeligioused@srb-chicago.org (subject line: sponsor letter)

Drop off @ rectory: Attention - Faith Formation Office / Sponsor Letter

FAX TO: 773-777-2770 Attention - Faith Formation Office / Sponsor Letter

TO EMAIL SPONSOR THIS INFORMATION THIS DOCUMENT MAYBE FOUND ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE:
https://srbchicago.files.wordpress.com/2016/08/the-role-of-confirmation-sponsor.pdf