

# SELECTING A SPONSOR

A SPONSOR is someone who walks with you on the journey of faith leading to Confirmation. Your sponsor is a special kind of friend; one who shares with you his or her own faith, knowledge, and experience of being a Christian.

During the rite (ceremony) of Confirmation, your sponsor will present you to the bishop and to the community as a sign of your readiness to receive the sacrament. Your relationship with your sponsor does not end with the ceremony. He or she has the important task of continuing to help you grow as you mature in your faith.

## The duties of a sponsor are:

- \* to stand with you at the Confirmation ceremony;
- \* to present you to the bishop and the community;
- \* to be willing to help you live as a follower of Jesus.

## A sponsor must:

- \*be a Catholic who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation
- \* be at least sixteen years old
- \*not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared (in other words, be an active and practicing Catholic)
- \*not be the father or mother of the one to be confirmed.

Think about the person you would like to choose as your Confirmation sponsor. Talk over your decision with your family, if you wish. When you have asked your sponsor, and he or she has agreed, fill out the Confirmation Registration form with the sponsor's information.

MY CONFIRMATION SPONSOR WILL BE: \_\_\_\_\_

MY CONFIRMATION NAME WILL BE: \_\_\_\_\_

I would especially like my sponsor to help me with \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Name (Printed)

Sponsor's Name (Printed)

(The Registration form is to be completed by the Confirmation candidate and his or her sponsor and is due at our **September** meeting.)