

WHEN CHOOSING YOUR SPONSOR

The Church of St. Rose of Lima takes the role of the sponsor seriously. A sponsor serves as a guide, a friend and mentor, and support for you during this period of preparation for Confirmation. When you reflect on a person to be your sponsor, you should look for someone who will be a good listener, a guide and confidant; a person who is interested in not only your growth as a Christian, but willing to grow in faith with you along the way. The person should have an active faith life, perhaps being a relative, godparent, or mature friend of the family.



The role of *sponsor* is an important one for the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. The Church sees the *sponsor* as a fully-initiated Catholic who supports the one receiving the sacrament with example and instruction. Because of the seriousness of this ministry, the Church has the following requirements:

- The sponsor must be a fully-initiated member of the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- The sponsor must be at least sixteen (16) years of age.
 - In this case, the Catholic who is younger than 16 must be fully initiated.
- The sponsor must have an active life of faith in the Church and provide good example.
 - Someone married outside the Church is not able to receive Communion and is not able to be a sponsor.
 - Also, a Catholic who has left the Church is not able to be a sponsor of a new member into the Church.
 - Therefore, a Catholic who has left the Catholic Church cannot be a sponsor and cannot be a “Christian witness” if they join another Christian communion.
- The sponsor **cannot** be either parent.

The role of the sponsor is an important one, therefore, the sponsor **IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE REHEARSAL AND THE CONFIRMATION LITURGY**. Dates for rehearsals and liturgy are announced approximately 4 months in advance, allowing the sponsor sufficient time to make arrangements for their attendance.

Sponsor Information: _____
(First Name) (Last Name)

Address: _____
Street Town, State Zip Code

Relationship to Student: _____
(i.e. grandparent, godparent, aunt, uncle, cousin, sibling, friend of family) **Date of Birth**
mm/dd/yyyy

Parish of your Sponsor: _____
Name of Church Town, State

Please write a brief statement of why you have chosen this person to be your sponsor:

Student Signature

Parent Signature

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO YOUR CATECHIST BY JANUARY 15, 2024.