



Sponsor Letter of Good Standing – Due March 1

Sponsors need a Letter of Good Standing from their Church unless they attend St. Brendan Church, then they don't need one) See details below!

Choosing your sponsor is serious business! According to Canon Law, you must choose someone who is

- **not** a parent or step parent
- **has** been confirmed in the Catholic faith & actively participates (see letter from Fr. Bob)
- is **16 years of age** or older
- one who **will obtain a letter from his/her parish** indicating that he/she is in good standing with the parish, who will return that letter to you as soon as possible to enclose with this acceptance letter. (Note, if your sponsor is an active member of St. Brendan Parish a formal letter is not required. Fr. Bob, or his designate, will verify the status of the person.

The church highly recommends that you consider asking your Godparent to be your sponsor. When that is not possible choose someone who is meaningful to you; someone that you admire for their faith, morals and values. Make time to pray about this very important decision. After you have decided on a sponsor, you need to contact them and tell them **why** you are asking them to be your sponsor.

Sponsor Letter to Teen – Due April 16

Sponsors: Please write a letter *to the teen you are sponsoring* & return to the Faith Formation office by April 16. In the letter, sponsors can share many faith & life experiences with you, for example:

- why they would like to be your sponsor?
- what they remember about their own confirmation?
- did they choose a saint's name? and why or why not?
- what does the phrase "being a good catholic" mean?
- name the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how these gifts have made them a better person
- what do they feel is their role after the (Big Day) Confirmation ceremony is over?
- finally, the Catholic Church reminds us that "Confirmation renews and strengthens the Christian Baptismal call to bear witness to Jesus in the world." What does this mean to your sponsor?

Sponsors letter to teen must be attached to this sheet & returned to Faith Formation office April 16.

Teen's Full Name: _____

Sponsor's Full Name: _____

How is the sponsor related to you? (check one below)

Godparent Grandparent Aunt Uncle Sibling Friend Other

If other, please explain: _____

Important: We notify the church of baptism that the teen received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Brendan Church and that this is the teen's sponsor. If the sponsor has changed since the registration form was completed on-line, please note that change.