

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Good Shepherd Catholic Church
Elk Grove, California

A Sponsor must be a practicing, confirmed Catholic, who is at least 16 years of age. If the Sponsor is married, he/she must have been married in the Catholic Church. The Sponsor may not be the candidate's mother or father. The candidate is encouraged to choose someone who lives close by. The sponsor should be a person who is prayerful, open, dependable, loving, and is comfortable sharing his or her faith with teens. The candidate should select only ONE Sponsor to present him/her during the Confirmation Rite.

Role of the Sponsor

The sponsor represents the support and prayer of the entire Church. He/she will be the candidate's "spiritual friend." In this program, the following is asked of the sponsor.

1. Accompany the candidate to the sponsor and candidate retreat (during the second year of preparation), which is specifically designed for sponsor/candidate interaction.
2. Sponsors need to attend the Confirmation rehearsal.
3. Attend the Liturgy of Confirmation.
4. To meet with the candidate regularly throughout the preparation process and to discuss the topics addressed in the preparation sessions.
5. Share their faith story with his or her candidate.
6. Spend time getting to know the candidate.
7. Pray for and with the candidate.
8. Present the candidate during the Confirmation Rite.
9. Continue to be there for the candidate and lend spiritual support **after** the Confirmation ceremony is over. (Suggestion: Send a card or note every year on the anniversary of his/her Confirmation.)

Confirmation Candidate's Name: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Relationship to Candidate: _____

Sponsor's Address: _____

Sponsor's City, State & Zip: _____

Sponsor's Telephone Number: _____

Sponsor's Home Parish: _____

Name of Pastor at Sponsor's Home Parish: _____

Year and Parish of Sponsor's Confirmation: _____

Sponsor's Agreement

I agree to serve as a sponsor for this Confirmation candidate. I understand my role as described above. I agree to attend the required retreat with my candidate, unless not possible due to distance or work schedule - in which case a family member proxy will stand in my place. I agree to cultivate a relationship with my candidate during this year of preparation for his/her confirmation and to serve as spiritual support during this important time in his/her life, as well as in the years to come.

Signature of Sponsor

Date