

St. Ann Catholic Church and School

Guidelines for Selecting Your Confirmation Sponsor

1. Sponsor should be a **model of our Catholic faith, living an authentic, sincere and rich life of faith.**
2. Sponsor should know the candidate well and be willing and able to accompany the candidate on this faith journey toward confirmation. The sponsor will be asked to testify to the candidate's character, faith and readiness for the sacrament.
3. Sponsor must be fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church (having received **Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation** in the Roman Catholic Church)
4. Sponsor must be in good standing with the Catholic Church and attend mass regularly.
5. **If married, the sponsor must be married within the norms of the Catholic Church, either having been married in the Catholic Church or by having a convalidation of their marriage by a priest.**
6. Sponsor does not need to be the same sex as the candidate.
7. Sponsor must be 16 years or older.
8. Sponsor may be the same as the Baptismal Sponsor (godparent) or another person.
9. A parent or step-parent may not serve as the sponsor; however he or she may serve as a proxy for the sponsor if needed.

A proxy is another Catholic adult in good-standing who stands in for a sponsor who cannot be physically present at Confirmation. The actual sponsor will be listed in the official church records, not the proxy.
10. Only one sponsor will be recorded on the Record of Confirmation. Additional sponsors are considered honorary. In the case of multiple sponsors, please inform the Director of Faith Formation which sponsor is the official "sponsor of record" when you turn in the Sponsor Eligibility Form.
11. Each sponsor must submit a signed* (with church seal) Sponsor Eligibility Form to St. Ann's Parish Office. If mailing, please address to: St. Ann Catholic Church, Attn: Director of Religious Education, 6529 Stage Road, Bartlett, TN 38134.

*If the sponsor is a member of St. Ann Catholic Church, **he/she must be registered for at least 3 months with the parish office.** you may submit the completed Sponsor Eligibility Form to the Parish Office without completing the "Statement of Sponsor's Pastor" and we will submit to the pastor for completion.