

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in them the fire of your love



YOUR ROLE AS A SPONSOR

You have the honor of being chosen as witness to the confirmand's initiation into full Christian life.

Through this sacrament, the confirmand is strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, made a true witness of Christ in word and deed, and invited more deeply into the life of the Church. Your most significant role in relation to him/her is to be a role model of such witness and unifying love.

Here are some suggestions and ways in which you can nurture this spiritual relationship all through their life.

- Continue to guide the confirmand's in how to pray.
- Encourage the student to participate in parish life.
- Encourage the confirmand to continue to learn about the Catholic Church.
- Celebrate the anniversary of this holy day of Confirmation with a visit, call or card.
- Be available to listen to and share in the confirmand's triumphs and struggles in living a Christian life, and keep yourself informed on Christian doctrine and values to be able to answer questions when they arise.
- Most importantly, become a model of Christian living for the person you have sponsored, through daily prayer, virtue and active participation in parish life and liturgy.

Requirements of a sponsor

- Must belong to a Catholic church and be fully initiated themselves, having received Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist
- Must be reasonably informed on current church teachings.
- Must know the candidate and be willing to serve as a strong and long-lasting Christian influence on the candidate.