

Sponsor Information

Due: December 4th

Turn in this sheet or email to youthmin@stanastasia.net

A Sponsor must be a practicing, confirmed Catholic, who is at least sixteen years of age. He/she may not be the candidate's mother or father; perhaps, a godparent may be a good choice. The candidate is encouraged to choose someone close by. The sponsor should be a person who is prayerful, open, dependable, loving, and comfortable sharing his or her faith with young people.

IMPORTANT DATES WITH SPONSORS

- **Sunday, Dec. 1st at 9:00 a.m. Mass (St. Anastasia)**
 - (Rite of Acceptance & Signing of Senses)
 - *If sponsor is already chosen; if not, parents, please fill-in!
- **Sunday, Mar. 9th at 9:00 a.m. Mass (St. Anastasia)**
 - (Pledge of Deeper Commitment)
- **Wednesday, Jan. 22nd 6:00-7:45 p.m. (St. Anastasia)**
 - Candidate & Sponsor Night (Service & Faith) at Church

Confirmation Candidate's Name: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Relationship to Candidate: _____

Sponsor's Address: _____

Sponsor's Email & Telephone #: _____

Sponsor's Church & Name of Pastor: _____

Role of the Sponsor

“The primary responsibility of the sponsor is to provide the candidate prayerful support and guidance in his or her Christian walk and to take care that the confirmed person behaves as a **true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills** the obligations inherent in this sacrament” (canon 892). **Being a sponsor is a lifelong commitment.** A sponsor takes on the role of a spiritual parent who "brings the candidate to receive the sacrament, presents him/her to the minister for the anointing, and will later help him/her to fulfill his baptismal promises faithfully under the **influence of the Holy Spirit**" (*Rite of Confirmation* 5).”

–Peggy Frye, “*Responsibilities of a Confirmation Sponsor*”

The sponsor represents the support and prayer of the entire Church. In this program, the following is asked of the sponsor.

1. **Attend specified Masses with candidate** for different rites, pledges, service, etc.
2. To meet with the candidate regularly, throughout the years, sharing their ongoing faith story until and after the Sacrament of Confirmation and to discuss the topics addressed in the preparation sessions.
3. Spend time getting to know the candidate, possibly taking him or her out to lunch or dinner or having him or her over to your home.
4. Pray for and with the candidate. (Adoration; the Rosary; Intercession of Saints; Etc.)
5. Present the candidate to the Bishop during the Confirmation Rite.
6. Be open to more tasks asked for over the next few years, in addition to items listed below. (Pledge of Deeper Commitment; Sponsor Nights; Letter to Youth Minister)
7. Attend the Confirmation rehearsal and the Liturgy of Confirmation.
8. 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.*)
9. Be a witness--and help your confirmand to also be a witness, to Christ in the world and to fulfill his/her baptismal promises faithfully and wholeheartedly through the “actions, gifts, and bidding of the Holy Spirit,” both now and always. (CCC 1309)
10. Please, have fun during all of this. What a joyful experience it can be to spread the love of Christ in the heart of a young person and to see them become “on fire” for Christ. Usually, in the process, I think we find that our hearts are made full, too.