

SPONSORS

- A sponsor is another name for a “Godparent.” Whether you are joining the RCIA for your confirmation, or to be baptized and initiated into the Christian faith, you will need to choose *one* sponsor.
- Time and consideration should be given to who you choose as your sponsor. Here are two things to consider: Who is able to be a sponsor? What are some responsibilities of a sponsor?
- Who is able to be a sponsor?
 - A man or a woman.
 - A Roman Catholic who is baptized, has received Eucharist and is confirmed (fully initiated).
 - A practicing Catholic.
 - Has completed their sixteenth year (16 years old).
 - If married, be married in the Catholic Church.
 - Preferably lives in proximity to you.
- What are the responsibilities of a sponsor?
 - The sponsor is available to you throughout your discernment process of Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). They are encouraged to attend RCIA gatherings with you; they are asked to attend RCIA retreats; and their presence is needed throughout the Sundays of Lent and during especially during Holy Week.
 - Even then, after you are baptized and/or confirmed, the sponsor models the faith; as well as guides and answers questions for you as you grow in your faith. Hence, they should be a practicing Catholic. After all, you cannot offer to another what you yourself do not have.
 - The sponsor is present to you as you walk your Christian journey. This is why it is helpful to a sponsor who is nearby, who is able to attend Mass with you, laugh with you, cry with you.
 - As you enter this faith community, the sponsor represents the very faith community you are entering.

