

# Walk with Me: Choosing a Sponsor

## Why a Sponsor?

From the earliest days of the Church, those seeking initiation into the Church were supported by specific people chosen from the community. At your baptism those significant people were your parents and godparents who promised that you would be raised in the faith. In Confirmation, you will speak for yourself; you will renew your baptismal promises. You will be supported by a sponsor who will stand with you and present you to the minister of Confirmation.

## Role of a Sponsor

The person you ask to be your sponsor should know you well enough to be able to testify, by his or her presence before the community, that you are someone who wishes to be fully incorporated into the Church as a believing, practicing Catholic; that you are one who takes part faithfully in the Church's worship, witness, and mission. When you are anointed with the chrism during Confirmation your sponsor will be beside you with a hand placed on your shoulder. This is a sign of your spiritual relationship.

## Choosing a Sponsor

The Church encourages you to choose, if possible, one of your baptismal godparents to be your sponsor for Confirmation because this expresses more clearly the link between your Baptism and Confirmation. This person would be a good choice if she/he:

- \*is at least 16 years of age
- \*have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation
- \*is a practicing Catholic who participates in the Eucharistic celebration every Sunday.
- \*be an active, registered member of a parish
- \*if married, have the marriage recognized as valid by the Catholic Church
- \*may not be a parent

**If your sponsor is not a registered member of Transfiguration of the Lord parish, they must take the sponsor certificate to their church and have the priest fill out the bottom half of the certificate. (Sponsor fills out the top section).**

**If your sponsor is registered to Transfiguration of the Lord parish have the sponsor fill out the certificate and forward to the Faith Formation office. The information will be verified and if there are problems and/or questions you will be notified.**