

Confirmation Sponsor Requirements at St. Therese of Deephaven

Take the time to carefully pray before selecting your Confirmation sponsor. Preferably choose someone who lives in this area and will be able to work and meet with you regularly during this preparation year. If possible, it is particularly fitting for the sponsor to be your Baptismal Godparent. However, another person of either gender may fulfill this function, providing that the individual fulfills the following requirements.

Choosing a Sponsor:

- ▽ Must be at least 16 years of age
- ▽ A practicing Roman Catholic who is fully initiated in the Catholic Church (Must have been Baptized, Confirmed and received first Eucharist)
- ▽ Must be a registered member of a Catholic Church
- ▽ Must be a Catholic in good standing, which includes attending regular worship
- ▽ Must be a role model through their commitment and emphasis on their own Catholic faith journey
- ▽ May not be the parent or step-parent of the Candidate
- ▽ Is able to attend the Confirmation Prep sessions with the Candidate (April 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6—all sessions are from 3:00-5:00 pm)
- ▽ Complete the Sponsor Form (Due October 25, 2017)

Responsibilities of a Sponsor:

It is important that the person chosen to be your sponsor is *available and committed* to regular contact with you. They should be providing ongoing support and dialogue with you regarding your Confirmation journey, working service opportunities with you, and other work as assigned.

It is also required that the sponsor attend *all* of the *5 week Confirmation Prep sessions*. Any exceptions must be discussed with Angie Wilz. These classes include time for you and your sponsor to work together to prepare you for the Rite of Confirmation *and* to help you grow in your faith as a member of the Catholic Church. Consider them your faith partner. The dates for Confirmation Prep are:

April 8, 15, 22, and 29

May 6

As all of the Confirmation Prep sessions are intended to be completed with both the sponsor and student together in attendance, please ensure that these dates are communicated to your sponsor as soon as they are chosen.

The Confirmation ceremony will be held on *Tuesday, May 15, 2018* at the Basilica of St. Mary.