



## **The Role and Responsibilities of the Sponsor for Confirmation**

The "Job Description" for a sponsor is not a Parish policy or a Diocesan policy, but the policy of the Universal Catholic Church.

The Church takes the role of sponsor very seriously. Canon Law dictates the requirements

The sponsor is to be a model and example of what it means to be a faith-filled Practicing Catholic, for the person who is to be Confirmed

Being a Catholic role model means being an active Catholic and living a Christian lifestyle, such as:

Has been fully initiated into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation

Tries to live up to the Laws of Christ and His Church

If married, the person must be married according to the laws of the Church. This means being married before a priest/deacon, or with the delegation of the Bishop, another minister

Receives the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently

Attends Mass on all Sundays (Saturday Vigil) and Holy Days of Obligation, except for ill health or not able to attend because of distance

The sponsor may not be the Mother or the Father of the person. They are already the primary role models in the practice of the Faith. The sponsor assists them

The sponsor may be male or female

The sponsor must be, at least, sixteen year of age

The sponsor must have a letter of eligibility from his/her proper pastor. The proper pastor is the priest who is responsible for the geographical area in which the Sponsor presently lives.