**REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFIRMATION SPONSORS**

* A Confirmation Candidate should have his/her Sponsor selected at the beginning of the preparation program.
* **Requirements for the Role of Sponsor**
  + **A Sponsor is to be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church.**
  + He/She is to have received the three Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. If married, the marriage must be recognized by the Catholic Church. Copies of these certificates are required.
  + The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City requires that the Sponsor should be at least eighteen (18) years of age and have adequate formation in the faith.
* A Sponsor is encouraged to walk this Journey of Faith with his/her Candidate.
  + Pray daily for his/her Candidate.
  + Attend the Sponsor/Candidate Gatherings.
* A Sponsor assists parents in whatever capacity he/she can to support and encourage the spiritual growth of the Candidate.
* A Sibling or Grandparent who meets the above criteria may take the role as a Sponsor. A Parent MAY NOT be a Sponsor of his/her child.

**CANON LAW FOR THE SELECTION OF A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR**

* Sponsors shall meet all other requirements set for them by Canon Law and by the revised Rite of Confirmation.
  + ***Can. 892*** *– As far as possible a sponsor for the one to be confirmed should be present; it is for the sponsor to see that the confirmed person acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with this sacrament.*
  + ***Can. 893*** *–* 
    - *To perform the role of sponsor, it is necessary that a person fulfill the conditions mentioned in Can. 874.*
    - *It is desirable that the one who undertook the role of sponsor at baptism be the sponsor for confirmation.*
  + ***Can. 874*** *–*
    - *To be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must:*
      * *Have completed the sixteenth year, unless a different age has been established by the diocesan bishop or it seems to the pastor or minister that an exception is to be made for just cause;*
      * *Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.*
      * *Not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;*
      * *Not be the father or the mother of the one to be Confirmed.*

***Code of Canon Law 1983***