

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A GODPARENT/SPONSOR

This note is for those who are thinking about becoming a sponsor for an unbaptized person, one baptized in another ecclesial communion (church) or a baptized Catholic who is seeking Confirmation:

The responsibilities of a godparent or sponsor are:

- Pray for the candidate or catechumen (unbaptized), pray with them and let them know you are praying for them.
- Support them and speak on their behalf during the rites of Acceptance, Sending and Election and at the Easter vigil or liturgy where they will celebrate Confirmation and First Eucharist. More information about these rites will be given out at the beginning of each RCIA term.
 - Come forward with them during Liturgy to present them for the dismissal after the homily during each weekend Mass. The sponsor will then return to the pew for the Eucharistic liturgy.
- Speak to them about your faith, love for Jesus and the church. Share the ways in which you pray and the way your life is continually transformed by Christ's love. Tell them the stories of your conversion and God experiences.
- Develop a Christian relationship in order to create an atmosphere where they can share their concerns and thoughts as they understand ever more deeply the power of the Holy Spirit as they are called to conversion. This can be done on the time schedule you both choose in person, over the phone or by email now and then.
- Participate in the catechetical sessions and retreats when possible.
- Allow God to continue to speak to your heart as you discern your continued commitment to Christ.

Thank you for your faithfulness to Christ's church.
Thank you for considering becoming a godparent or sponsor for a RCIA catechumen or candidate.

God's grace

