

## Guidelines for Choosing a Sponsor

1. The choice of your sponsor is a very important aspect of your preparation for Confirmation. You are encouraged to select one of your godparents as your sponsor because they will continue the godparents' role of helping you fulfill your baptismal promises. If your godparents live too far away to participate in the confirmation process, please select a nearby relative or a member of St. Thomas Aquinas parish. Please discuss your sponsor choice with your parents.
2. The sponsor must be **baptized, confirmed**, and a **practicing Catholic**.
3. It is recommended that parents not be sponsors. However, parents should and are encouraged to stand in for the sponsor in cases where they cannot be present for confirmation activities.
4. The sponsor chosen will serve as your mentor and witness during the year. The role of your sponsor is to support you in the process of becoming an active member of the church. You will need to meet with your sponsor a minimum of five hours over the next six months. Together you will work through the Confirmation Sponsor Handbook that will be provided to your sponsor at the meeting in October.

**Please fill out the attached Sponsor Report and bring it to your next class.**