



# SAINT MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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## On a Sponsor for Confirmation

This is far from a mere ceremonial role. Being a sponsor is a privilege with great responsibility to assist the parents in the formation and continued spiritual growth of the child in the practice of the Catholic faith. The sponsor is called to give witness in the practice of the faith, and to be a model of following Jesus Christ and proclaiming the His life and Gospel by their words and actions.

Therefore, it is necessary that the sponsors be practicing Catholics, who frequently receive the sacraments (Mass each Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation) and whose lives bear witness to the faith. It is appropriate and fitting that the sponsor be one of the baptismal godparents if possible, to again stress the connection of Confirmation to the completion of all that was begun in the child at his/her baptism. If this is not possible, practical, or prudent, the candidate may select a sponsor with the help of their parents after considerable reflection and prayer.

Sponsors must be at least sixteen years of age and must have received all the sacraments of Initiation; Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion. Sponsors cannot be a parent of the candidate. Sponsors are invited and encouraged to participate in the Confirmation preparation sessions with the parents and candidates. **The Sponsor Form must be completed and returned with the Confirmation Sacramental Form.**

## Choosing a Confirmation Name

It has long been the practice in the Catholic Tradition to select a name after one of the saints or after a great man or woman in Sacred Scripture. The saint becomes the Candidates "patron" whose life of courage and strength can be a model of faith and inspiration throughout the Candidates life. It is also a reminder that we are each called to the holiness of the saints through our Baptism and faith in Christ, but most importantly, to show in an outward way, that we become a new person by the life of grace.

### Saint FAQ:

<http://www.catholic.org/saints/faq.php>

### Patron Saint Resources:

<http://www.catholic.org/saints/patron.php>

### Browse the Saints:

<http://www.catholic.org/saints/stindex.php>

## Letter to Fr. Eilerman

Submit to Mr. McCauley at the St. Mary Rectory

Father Eilerman asks each candidate to submit to him a one-page typed letter in which each Candidate expresses his/her desire to be Confirmed and why this is an important part of their faith and life as a Catholic. The letter should also briefly demonstrate the candidate's knowledge and understanding of the sacrament and the way of life this sacrament offers the grace to live. Lastly, the Candidate should explain the spiritual reason why he/she choose their particular Confirmation Saint and Confirmation Sponsor.