**Archdiocese of Santa Fe Sponsor Agreement**

Does it make any difference whom you ask to be Sponsor? It Sure Does!!!

People often want to ask their best friends or favorite relatives to act as a Confirmation Sponsor; they usually do this as a way of honoring someone. Of course, we all would like to honor those who are dear to us, Confirmation is not the right time to do so.

Would you ask your best friend to perform heart surgery on you? Of course not, unless he/she were a competent heart surgeon. So, if the role of a Sponsor is to help you live the Catholic faith, then it stands to reason that you should ask someone who shows by their own knowledge and lifestyle that they can help someone else follow the faith.

Helping someone to become a good Catholic Christian is an important undertaking; it is, therefore, equally important to ask someone who regularly prays with the community at Sunday Mass and who in other ways practices his/her faith and shows commitment to Christian values.

None of this is to suggest that your dear friends or relatives are not good people. They will surely be with you to help you in many other ways. But a teacher of mathematics may not be a good teacher of English grammar and a good friend or close relative may not be the best model of Catholic Christian practice.

If you value your faith, you will choose the best role model to help you live out your Catholic faith.

**Basic Requirements for a Confirmation Sponsor**

The following are requirements per Canon Law:

1. There may be only one sponsor.
2. Parents cannot be sponsors for their children.
3. A sponsor must be at least 16 years old, already confirmed in our Catholic Faith, and practicing our faith.
4. If sponsor is married, the marriage must be blessed in our Catholic Church.
5. People who are cohabitating CANNOT be sponsors.
6. A sponsor must provide a letter of recommendation from their parish of registration.

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