

Frequently Asked Questions about Confirmation

How many sponsors may I have?

-One. There is only need for one sponsor, and it can be a godparent.

May one of my parents be my sponsor?

-No, parents serve a different capacity in Confirmation and cannot be sponsors.

May a man sponsor a young woman or vice verse?

-Yes, there are no restrictions in this regard.

May my older brother or sister be a sponsor?

-Yes, as long as the person is 16 years old, has received Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, and is a practicing Catholic in good standing.

What if my sponsor lives far away and cannot be at my Confirmation?

-Another friend or relative (meeting the same qualifications as a sponsor) may stand in as a proxy. If you need this accommodation, please let the RE office know ASAP.

Do I have to pick a Confirmation name? /Can I use my "real" name?

-No, you do not have to pick a new name for Confirmation. Your baptismal name is fully appropriate.

Does my Confirmation name have to be a saint?

-Yes, it should be a saint of the Church who serves as a model and witness for you.

Can I have a male saint's name if I am a girl or vice verse?

-Yes, if the saint is of great importance to you. You may also use derivatives of a saint's name, e.g. Patricia for Patrick, if that is preferable to you.

Does the Saint Questionnaire have to be the same as my Confirmation name?

-Yes, it is fitting that your questionnaire be about the saint you have chosen for your Confirmation name.

Do I have to do a Saint Questionnaire if I am not choosing a Confirmation name?

-Yes, you will still need to complete the questionnaire on a saint of your choosing.