

**IMPORTANT NOTICE WHEN SELECTING A SPONSOR**

In preparation for your child’s Confirmation please note as a rule, all candidates must have a suitable Sponsor. The Sponsor plays an important role in the candidates’ Catholic faith and brings the candidate to receive the sacrament, by presenting him or her to the Clergy for anointing.

As the candidate commits to their Catholic faith, the role of the Sponsor is to assist and help them fulfill their baptismal promises faithfully. Therefore, it is important for the candidate and parents to select a Sponsor who is spiritually fit to take this important responsibility.

As such the Sponsor **MUST** have the following qualities:

* The Sponsor must have sufficient maturity to fulfill their Catholic function - a person of 15 years or older.
* Be a practicing member of the Catholic Church and have undergone their own Christian initiation through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
* Offer freedom from any impediment to their fulfilling of a Sponsor.

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If you have any concerns with your selection of a sponsor, please speak to either the Parish Priest or the Sacramental Coordinator.

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If you have any concerns with your selection of a Sponsor, please speak to either the Parish Priest (02 9349 2793) or the Sacramental Coordinators via:

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