

# **RCIA SPONSOR**

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A sponsor in the RCIA process is a companion for someone walking the journey to initiation. From the Rites of Acceptance and Welcome their role is:

- to be a bridge between the catechumen or candidate and the parish community
- to share with the catechumen or candidate the practices, traditions, and prayers of our Catholic tradition
- to assist the parish initiation team

## **Requirements for being a sponsor:**

- Be a Catholic who has been baptized, received the Eucharist, and been confirmed
- Be at least sixteen years of age
- Not be in an irregular marriage
- Lead a life in harmony with the nature of the ministry of a sponsor (regularly attend Mass, receive the Eucharist)
- Be available to attend weekly sessions for catechesis, the celebrations of liturgical rites, and other initiation-related events to the best of your ability

The parish initiation team can provide you with additional information on sponsors vs. godparents, sponsors/godparents for children in the RCIA process, and how to become a sponsor.