



SPONSOR GUIDELINES

ACCORDING TO CANON LAW - The official regulations of the Catholic Church
SPONSORS . . .

- Must be at least 16 years of age
- Must have received all of the Sacraments of Initiation . . . Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist
- Must be a practicing Catholic . . . celebrates the Eucharist (Mass) regularly and be an example of celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation
- Must **not** be a parent of the candidate to be Confirmed
- If married, must be married in the Catholic Church by a Catholic priest

The **GUIDELINES** of the **ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE** require that Sponsors . . .

- Adhere to the Diocesan Youth Protection Policy
- Read and sign the Volunteer Code of Conduct of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown
- Provide St. John Vianney Parish with the proper Sponsor Eligibility Form

[These documents will be provided at the first Sponsor Session]

The **MAIN TASKS** of the **SPONSOR** is to

- Be a model of faith that reflects your love of the Lord Jesus Christ
- Pray with and for your candidate
- Attend “Sponsor Meetings” to enable you to know fully your role as a sponsor
- Meet with your candidate to do the 4 “Sponsor-Candidate faith sharing Meetings” and at these meetings explore, with your candidate, their questions about God & his Church
- Attend the Confirmation Retreat and Rite of Sending to the Bishop for Confirmation with your candidate
- Support your candidate to fulfill their baptismal promises faithfully
- Attend the rehearsal for and celebration of Confirmation with your candidate