

The Role of the RCIA SPONSOR

A sponsor in the RCIA process is a companion for someone walking the journey to initiation. Beginning with 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 the Roman Catholic Church
- to assist the parish RCIA catechetical team

Requirements for being a sponsor:

- a Catholic who has been baptized, received the Eucharist, and has been confirmed
- at least sixteen years of age
- married according to Church guidelines (if married)
- leads a life in harmony with the nature of the ministry of a sponsor (i.e. regularly attends Mass, engages in regular prayer, participates in parish life, etc.)
- available to attend the celebration of liturgical rites, and other initiation related events to the best of your ability