

RCIA Sponsor

➤ Overview

The Sponsor accompanies a person seeking Christian Initiation. This role is exercised throughout the period of preparation for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian Initiation. The RCIA Sponsor helps, through personal presence, to connect the person with the whole parish and Church community. The sponsor is a witness to the person's moral character, faith and intention.

➤ Activities/Responsibilities

- Offers information about the daily practice of the faith and provides information or services about the Church.
- Offers feedback to the RCIA Catechumenal Director about the progress of the participant's faith development as requested.
- Participates in discerning the person's readiness for the next steps in formation.
- Actively participates in the liturgical life of the parish and participates in the Catechumenal Rites in each phase of the process.
- Attends RCIA sessions when possible.
- Seeks to be a friend, companion, guide and model throughout the initiation process and beyond.

➤ Skills, Experience, and Qualifications

- Is a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church in good standing
- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Is familiar with Christian Initiation and the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Can relate effectively and communicate clearly with others.
- Is willing to commit as a companion for a particular person for the duration of the program.

➤ Personal Traits and Qualities

- Desires to serve the community and to commit time and talents to this ministry.
- Needs to be a person of prayer.
- Honest, dependable and can maintain strict confidentiality.
- Has a helpful, supportive and non-threatening attitude in working with those seeking Christian Initiation.