

## ***Who can be a sponsor?***

A sponsor

- May **NOT** be a parent or step-parent of the Confirmation candidate;
- should be at least 16 years of age;
- has received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) in the Catholic Church;
- if married, was married in the Catholic Church or at least with the approval of the Catholic Church;
- attends Mass regularly on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation and has fulfilled their Easter Duty [received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist at least once during the Easter season and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) if necessary];
- is a registered member of a Catholic Parish.

Sponsors, who are registered members of St. Joseph, Downingtown and meet the above criteria, do not need to obtain a letter of eligibility.

Sponsors from any other Parish must obtain a letter of eligibility from their parish. *The sponsor should contact their Parish Office or Rectory and ask for a **letter (or certificate) of eligibility**.* Please have the letter of eligibility turned into St. Joseph PREP office no later than January 1<sup>st</sup>.