OCIA Sponsor Form

Saint Brendan
THE NAVIGATOR

Sponsor Information:

Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____- _____ Sex: M / F

Birthdate:_____/ _____/ _____ Marital Status:_____

Date of Baptism:_____/ _____/ _____

Church of Baptism:_____

Date of Confirmation:_____/ _____/ _____

Church of Confirmation:_____

Why do you want to be a sponsor?

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What do you enjoy most about being Catholic?

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May your faith rest not on human wisdom, but on the power of God!

Sponsors are expected to attend all OCIA sessions and Rites with their candidates, a commitment of approximately 6 months.

Tuesday Evening Sessions

6:30-8:30 PM in the Davidson Rooms

What does a sponsor do?

ACCOMPANY

Attend RCIA sessions weekly.
Inquire about the process.
Check in throughout the week.

PRAY

Worship at Sunday Mass.
Commit to daily personal prayer.
Pray with your candidate.
Pray for your candidate.

WITNESS

Share your experiences.
Model an integrated Catholic life.
Live the JOY of the Gospel.

BELIEVE

God is alive today.
God is working miracles today.

HOPE

Keep a heaven-based perspective.
Trust in the work God is doing.

LOVE

Love God.
Love your candidate.
Be willing to be out-poured in service to both this year!

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OCIA Sponsor FAQs

THANK YOU for your interest in walking with a candidate or catechumen who is learning about the Catholic faith and preparing for Sacraments of Initiation.

We have prepared this list of Frequently Asked Questions to help you better understand the role of a sponsor:

Q. I'm interested in being a sponsor, but I don't know anyone who is currently in OCIA formation. Do you need me?

A. YES! Many people who are joining the Church don't know other Catholics and your welcoming presence will help them see that they do belong here! Our facilitators will pair you up with someone who is in need of a sponsor.

Q. Do I need any special training to be a sponsor?

A. No! As long as you are an adult Catholic (defined in the Church as someone who has received all three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) and are currently practicing your faith in good standing at a Catholic parish and are willing to share in this journey, discovering and deepening your own relationship with Jesus, as you accompany your candidate or catechumen, we will have materials and experts available to assist you.

Q. As a sponsor, do I need to attend every meeting?

A. We understand life and busy schedules, so absences here and there are perfectly understandable, but we do hope that you will be able to attend meetings with your candidate or catechumen on a regular basis for the 6-month sessions. This allows you to answer questions and build on session conversations in a more authentic way. We do offer options to attend via Zoom, if that's something that could help you.

Q. Other than the meetings, is there anything else I will need to do?

A. About 2-5 times a year, depending on the specific journey your candidate or catechumen is on, there will be rites held during a Sunday Mass or a weekend retreat, which we hope you attend if at all possible. Those will be in the schedules provided, so you have plenty of advanced notice for planning. In addition to these organized and formal events, we hope that you connect with your candidate or catechumen regularly in a way that works for you both to build on what is happening at our meetings. Examples could include: attending Mass together, going to Adoration together, setting opportunities to discuss the weekly Mass readings, inviting your candidate or catechumen to attend parish events with you, such as festival, parish clubs, community service projects, and others that show the joy of living in Catholic community.

Q. May I sponsor the person I'm dating/engaged to?

A. We are grateful that faith is part of your relationship and that you are supporting them in their journey; However, we discourage sponsors from being in a dating or engaged relationship, because it is important that the personal walk of faith be developed and given a strong foundation outside of that relationship context.