

Coordinators: Please review this information with all sponsors and godparents.

RITE OF ELECTION - 2022

GUIDE FOR TESTIMONY BY SPONSORS & GODPARENTS

Sponsors for Candidates and godparents for Catechumens will be asked at the Rite of Election to offer testimony concerning the growth they have witnessed in the person they are sponsoring.

The testimony should focus on any or all of the following:

- growth that the sponsor has noticed in the person;
- the catechumen's/candidate's readiness to be fully initiated into the church;
- the catechumen's/candidate's progress along the faith journey.

Testimony would, therefore, include such things as:

- the person's growth in their relationship with God;
- their commitment to prayer (both private and with the parish community);
- their appreciation of the Eucharist;
- their desire to receive the sacraments;
- their devotion to their study of the faith;
- their sense of Christian charity;
- etc.

Please instruct the sponsors and godparents to **NOT** include private details from the Catechumen's/Candidate's personal life.

We strongly encourage you to give sponsors and godparents the opportunity to offer testimony at an RCIA session prior to Rite of Election and again at the Rite of Sending. This will help them to clarify their thoughts and will, perhaps, make them more comfortable in offering testimony at Rite of Election.