



“Aunt Mary” or “Uncle John”



On the journey to Baptism and/or Confirmation, the question inevitably arises: “Who should be the Sponsor (Godmother/Godfather)?” And while it is possible that “Aunt Mary” or “Uncle John” could be good candidates, the choice of a Sponsor needs to take into consideration much more than the candidate’s relationship to the person being Baptized and/or Confirmed. That is why the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, formulated the following “Requirements of Sponsor”. (If after reviewing these requirements two or more candidates surface as possibilities, then an answer to the question

should be sought through prayer; perhaps an adaptation of the prayer used by the Apostles to choose a replacement for Judas amongst the Twelve (Act 1:24-25)).

THE REQUIREMENTS OF SPONSOR

The role of *Sponsor* is an important one for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. The Church sees the *Sponsor* as a fully-initiated Catholic who supports the one receiving the Sacrament with example and instruction. Because of the seriousness of this ministry, the Church has the following requirements:

- ✠ The Sponsor must be a fully-initiated member of the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- ✠ The Sponsor must be at least sixteen (16) years of age.
 - In this case, the Catholic who is younger than 16 must be fully initiated.
- ✠ The Sponsor must have an active life of faith in the Church and provide good example.
 - Someone married outside the Church is not able to receive Holy Communion and is not able to be a Sponsor.
 - Also, a Catholic who has left the Church is not able to be a Sponsor of a new member into the Church.
 - Therefore, a Catholic who has left the Catholic Church cannot be a Sponsor, and cannot be a "Christian witness" if they join another Christian communion.
- ✠ The Sponsor cannot be either parent.
- ✠ When there are two Sponsors, they are “spiritual parents” and are to be a Godfather and Godmother.

CHRISTIAN WITNESS – (A BAPTIZED NON-CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN)

Provided there is one Catholic sponsor, a Baptized non-Catholic Christian may serve as a Christian witness for Baptism only. This person is a *Christian witness* and not a *Sponsor*.

Requirements to be a Christian Witness:

- At least sixteen years old
- A validly baptized Christian
- Living an upright life
- Cannot be either parent
- Cannot be a Catholic who has left the Church

A Christian witness may never be a non-Baptized person. For example, Jewish or Muslim Godparents are not permitted by universal Church law.

The following eight Baptized Catholics are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Holy Redeemer on Pentecost Sunday (15 May 2016). Alexandra Korine Caggiano, Bryanna María Collado, Melissa Joy Eakin, Jeanett Martinez, Elisa Maria Peralta, Cathy Elizabeth Quezada Arias, and Angelica Yulissa Vasquez Quintanilla. Please pray for them.



PLEASE COME HOME ON THURSDAY, 5 MAY 2016

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

OUR MASS SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

WEDNESDAY, 4 MAY: 5:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M. (SPANISH)

THURSDAY, 5 MAY: 7:30 A.M.; 9:00 A.M.; 12:10 P.M.
5:00 P.M. (SPANISH) & 7:00 P.M.

Come Home Dressed for the Supper of the Lamb on

Tie-On-On 'with a Hat' and "no Jeans" Sunday



SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

8 May 2016

Seventh Sunday of Easter



Come Home Clothed in Your Wedding Garment!

Make yourself ready. Men, put on a tie; Ladies, put on a hat! No jeans!