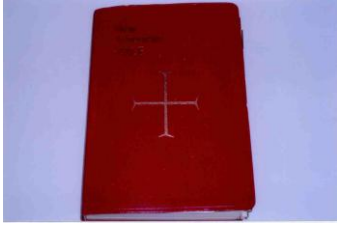


- ***MINISTRY OF SPONSOR CATECHIST***



The sponsor figuratively, and sometimes literally, takes the Catechumen by the hand and heart. Through spiritual guidance and faith sharing, the sponsor helps the Catechumen realize that one is never alone but part of a tradition and a community.

The parish provides a sponsor for each Catechumen. The sponsor is a mentor, prayer partner and guide. Each Catechumen may also choose a personal sponsor (e.g., a very close friend) to share their faith journey.

The Catechist is one who has studied the Word as presented in scripture and through prayer and study shares this with the Catechumens. Through reflection on the Sunday readings, every imaginable topic and doctrine may be explored in the on growing and sharing of faith.