

## **Role of the sponsor**

The sponsor plays an important role in the candidate's discernment journey before becoming an Associate with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden, PA. The sponsor can be a Sister or Associate.

## **Responsibilities**

- Meet and discuss with the candidate before their first orientation meeting:
  - Why are they interested in being an Associate?
  - What are their expectations?
  - What do they bring and what do they seek?
- Accompany the candidate to orientation meetings throughout their journey. The sponsor should have follow-up discussions with their candidate to deepen their understanding of the presented topics and clarify questions and concerns. Share prayer and faith.
- Accompany the candidate to the Associate Retreat in the spring.
- Present the candidate to the community at the Commitment Ceremony.
- Make suggestions to the Co-Directors regarding ways to help strengthen and/or improve the orientation journey process.