

SPONSOR FORM

Confirmation Candidate's

Name_____

Sponsor's Name_____

Sponsor's Relationship to Candidate_____

Sponsor's Address_____

Sponsor's City, State & Zip_____

Sponsor's Telephone Number_____

Sponsor's Church_____

Name of Pastor at Sponsor's Church_____

Year and Place of Sponsor's Confirmation_____

Sponsors need to be present at the Evening Sponsor/Candidate session.

Sponsors need to attend the Confirmation Rehearsal.

Sponsors need to be present at the Confirmation Ceremony.

Sponsors need to informally meet monthly with their candidate, November through April.

(Should a sponsor have a work conflict or be out of town and attendance at these activities is prohibited, the family needs to provide a proxy)

Sponsor's Agreement

I agree to serve as a sponsor for this confirmation candidate. I understand my role as described on the Sponsor Information sheet, which I have received and read. I agree to attend the required sessions with my candidate, unless not possible due to distance or work schedule – in which case a family member proxy will stand in my place. I agree to cultivate a relationship with my candidate during this year of preparation for their confirmation and to serve as a spiritual support during this important time in their life, as well as in the years to come.

Signature_____

SPONSOR INFORMATION¹

A Sponsor must be a practicing, confirmed Catholic, who is at least 16 years of age. He or she may not be a candidate's mother or father. A Godparent is a good choice. The candidate is encouraged to choose someone close by. The sponsor should be a person who is prayerful, open, dependable, loving and is comfortable sharing his or her faith with young people.

Role

The sponsor represents the support and prayers of the entire Church. He or she will be the candidate's "spiritual friend." In this program, the following is asked of the sponsor:

1. Accompany the candidate to the sponsor and candidate session which is specifically designed for sponsor/candidate interactions.
2. Sponsors are encouraged to attend the reception welcoming the candidates back from their weekend retreat.
3. Sponsors need to attend the Confirmation Rehearsal.
4. Attend the Rite of Confirmation.
5. To meet with the candidates regularly throughout this year of preparation and to discuss the topics addressed in the preparation session.
6. Share their faith story with his or her candidate.
7. Spend time getting to know the candidate, possibly taking him or her out to lunch or dinner, or having him or her over to your home.
8. Pray for and with the candidate.
9. Present the candidate during the Confirmation Rite.
10. Continue to be there for the candidate and lend spiritual support after the confirmation ceremony is over. (Suggestion: Send a card or note every year on the anniversary of his or her confirmation.)