

Dear Confirmation Sponsor,

Congratulations on being chosen to be a Confirmation sponsor! Your Confirmation candidate sees in you a profound faith commitment and knows you are someone who cares about them and their faith. Together, we will ignite a fire in your candidate as we accompany them as they prepare to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit in this Sacrament of Initiation.

Being a sponsor is not all that complicated, but it does take time, a caring heart and a listening ear. In order to fully commit to this role, please review the guidelines below.

### **Role of the Confirmation Sponsor**

The sponsor represents the support and prayers of the entire Church. You will be the candidate's spiritual coach or mentor. The following is asked of the sponsor:

- **Be a living model of faith**
  - a. Meet with the candidate regularly throughout this year of preparation to share your faith journey, answer questions, discuss topics of interest, or work together on their service project. In respect for your busy calendar, **I will not be scheduling formal sponsor/candidate meetings; please do so on your own, at least once a month.**
    - i. Meeting in person preferred, but can be substituted with phone calls, Facetime, Skype, etc.
    - ii. If you'd like some conversation starters, go to go to <https://oll.org/confirmation/Catching Fire Sponsor Conversation Guides 1-5>
  - b. To acknowledge that you are fully willing and able to sponsor your candidate, please have the Catholic church you attend complete and submit a Letter of Good Standing or if you belong to Our Lady of the Lake, complete and submit the Confirmation Sponsor Affidavit <https://oll.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Confirmation-Sponsor-Affidavit.pdf>
- **Pray for your candidate and yourself**
  - a. As candidates decide to be confirmed, they need spiritual strength. Your prayers for them are important, but don't forget to pray for yourself also, that you can share why you value and practice your Catholicism
  - b. Attend Mass together, or even come to Reconciliation together
- **Give of your time and share your gifts**
  - a. Let your unique God-given talents and gifts shine!
  - b. Offer a gift of spiritual significance—a new Bible, rosary or book about our faith or about the saint the candidate has chosen for a Confirmation name—but *be creative and relevant!*
  - c. Accompany the candidate to the **Service Project Presentation and Confirmation Rehearsal at Our Lady of the Lake Church, Sunday, February 10, 2019, 5:00p.m.-6:30p.m.**
  - d. Attend the **Rite of Confirmation at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, Tuesday, April 9, 2019, 7:00p.m.**
- **Continue to be there for the candidate and lend spiritual support after the Confirmation ceremony is over**
  - a. Remember birthdays and this anniversary
  - b. Send a card or make a phone call
  - c. Continue to worship together, or from time to time do some Christian service. Put those "Gifts of the Spirit" into practice!