

**CONFIRMATION SPONSOR**  
**INFORMATION**



*The role of the sponsor is to mentor and guide the candidate. The sponsor helps the candidate grow in attitudes and values of Jesus and also the traditions, teachings, and practices of the Catholic Church. The sponsor will write a letter to the Coordinator of New Evangelization affirming the candidate's readiness for Confirmation and that the candidate has completed the Candidate-Sponsor Journal. During the Sacrament of Confirmation the sponsor presents the candidate to the Bishop for Confirmation.*

*As a sponsor, you may feel both honored and inadequate. Your candidate sees in you qualities and experiences that will foster the candidate's spiritual growth. Help your candidate feel comfortable sharing the candidate's faith with you. Be honest and share your thoughts and feelings with your candidate. Share your convictions of what your faith means to you. Share what is most important for your own relationship with Jesus and what being a member of the Catholic Church means to you.*

*Decide when and where you will meet. Allow one meeting for each of the six topics. Start early in the fall and pace the sessions to avoid a "crash course" at the end. Record the date, time, and place, of each session in the journal.*

*Readiness for Confirmation requires a willingness and ability to grow and be committed to the Catholic faith. It also requires a desire for the Holy Spirit to provide assistance with life. With prayers for the Lord's help and investment of your time and energy, this experience can be a growth-filled experience for both of you.*

**The Role of the Sponsor is to:**

- Support and encourage the candidate as a spiritual companion
- Help the candidate become involved in the Church
- Be a role model for the candidate
- Present the candidate to the Bishop
- Provide spiritual guidance after Confirmation

**The Responsibilities of a Sponsor are to:**

- Share the faith and mentor the candidate during six one on one sessions together

Model Catholic Christian living in word, action, and in weekly worship at Mass

Write a brief letter of recommendation for Confirmation to the Coordinator of New Evangelization

Present the candidate to the Bishop during the Sacrament of Confirmation

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. Enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they will be created. And you will renew the face of the earth.*

**Important dates (many of these are yet to be determined) and items to be turned in**

1. Student/parent/sponsor presentation—September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM
2. Pastor Verification form—due on September 13<sup>th</sup>
3. Student/parent/sponsor presentation—Wednesday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:15PM
4. Confirmation Rite of Enrollment—date to be determined (will be at a 10:30 Mass in January 2021)
5. Letter to Kathy Brennan from sponsor—due no later than Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021
6. Confirmation Rehearsal—to be determined
7. Confirmation—to be determined