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THE ROLE OF A SPONSOR – A CALL TO INTEGRITY

Dear Sponsor,

Congratulations! You have been chosen by a young person for a special role. A wonderful adventure in the spiritual life awaits the two of you. As a Confirmation Sponsor, you have accepted a responsibility that is an honor in our Church.

Your role is to spiritually walk with the Candidate during the preparation for the Sacrament. You will be assisting the young person in being a true witness & disciple of Jesus & representing the community when you present your candidate to the bishop. Your special role does not end at the Confirmation liturgy; you will help the young person fulfill his or her baptismal promises after Confirmation with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Sponsorship is one very concrete means of sharing in the Church's teaching ministry. As a Sponsor, you take on more than a casual interest in one person's spiritual life. Your candidate is contemplating a life commitment that will influence everything he/she does from now on. You can be a valuable instrument by listening to his/her thoughts, sharing your own experiences & understanding & by introducing him/her to whatever will enhance Catholic Christian growth. Surely being a sponsor should be considered an honor, but its ministry & responsibility goes beyond the moment of Confirmation. It is our hope that our Confirmation candidates will be fortunate enough to find Sponsors who care for them & are eager to participate in their preparation.

A Sponsor needs to be a model of a Catholic-Christian who is active in service, faith & prayer. As your candidate prepares for the reception of this Sacrament, you too can explore the depth of your commitment & understanding of Confirmation.

- Pray daily for your candidate and his/her family
- Challenge & encourage the candidate to meet the requirements asked of him/her
- Please assume the responsibility for initiating get-togethers with your candidate

A Sponsor needs to be available as a faith companion & support to their candidate throughout your life:

- Continue to touch base regularly with your candidate after Confirmation
- Celebrate the anniversary of Confirmation every year
- Encourage the candidate to continue service to others
- Continue to initiate attending liturgies and prayer services together
- Encourage your candidate to regularly receive the sacrament

If we can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us. Blessings for the journey.

In Christ's Peace

Janet Sikina
PREP Administrator

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