

# Sponsor Roles & Responsibilities

Congratulations & thank you for accepting the role of being a Confirmation sponsor for an active young person at Holy Spirit parish. As a Confirmation sponsor you have accepted an important role in Confirmation – supporting the candidate and the candidate’s parents as the candidate prepares for Confirmation. However, your commitment does not end with the candidate celebrating their Confirmation, the relationship between you, as sponsor, and the candidate will continue to grow and change for the rest of your lives. A Confirmation sponsor is someone that chooses to accompany the candidate on their lifelong faith journey of discipleship in Christ Jesus. Recognizing this important role, the Church has developed a few ways to assist sponsors in developing a special and faith-based relationship with the candidate in which we ask you to participate.

## **Fall Retreat Day – Saturday, November 9th from 10am until 1pm**

This is an event is at Holy Spirit for candidates and sponsors to engage in faith conversation (the first of the “Faith to Faith” conversation booklet which will be given out at this retreat) and then an opportunity to serve in the community.

## **“Faith to Faith” conversations**

This is a booklet that is designed to facilitate faith-based conversations between candidate and sponsor. There are 6 conversations that we hope are shared between sponsor and candidate monthly. We encourage you to have these conversations in each other’s presence, beginning and ending with prayer. However, we understand that life requires flexibility so plan according to your schedules for a time to be available to one another for this intentional conversation.

## **Conversation Stations – Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:00pm-8:00pm**

Candidates and Sponsors are asked to come to this event to discuss and review all that the candidate has learned in their preparation for the sacrament. At this event, there are 15 faith stations dedicated to important aspects of our faith where candidate and sponsor will spend time in conversation and prayer. This will take ~1.5-2 hours to complete.

## **Confirmation Rehearsal – Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 9am**

## **Confirmation Mass – Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> 11:30am Mass**

We expect candidates and sponsors to arrive no later than 10:30am. Reception to follow.

**Please ask the candidate about optional events & activities as well!**

*Note:* Each of these events is **MANDATORY**. If you are unable to attend any of these events, a parent may stand in your place; however, please let the candidate and youth minister, Allison Steen-Baker ([allison@holyspiritcatholic.org](mailto:allison@holyspiritcatholic.org)), know as soon as possible as there may be resources available to help recreate the experience with the candidate on your own time.