

## CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

The church recognizes a sponsor as a person who is willing to actively engage in the confirmation process with the candidate, who has a comfortable relationship with the candidate, and who has a long term interest in helping the candidate fulfill his/her baptismal promises.

Since our program calls for active participation, the Confirmation sponsor is also ideally someone who can spend time with the candidate during this time and after the reception of the sacrament.

Please use these guidelines when discussing your child's choice of a Confirmation sponsor.

- The sponsor must be Catholic, 18 years or older, and has received the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
- The sponsor must not be the candidate's parent.
- The sponsor must be available for active involvement in the process. Location and commitment is a factor.
- The sponsor must be a good model for living the life of a faithful Catholic who is continually nourishing his/her own faith through active participation.
- Consider their Godparent. The sponsor has similar responsibilities in Baptism and Confirmation.
- The sponsor must attend the Confirmation Session with the candidate **on Sunday, November 13, 2016** at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church.
- The sponsor must be able to attend "**Rite of Welcoming**" on Sunday, **September 25, 2016** with candidate at one of the following masses: 8:30 am at St. Michael; 11:00 am at St. Joseph; or 5:00 pm at Sacred Heart.
- The sponsor must attend practice on **February 12, 2017** at Noon for St. Joseph or at 6:00 pm at Sacred Heart for Sacred Heart and St. Michael.
- The sponsor must present the candidate to the Bishop at the **Confirmation ceremony, on February 20, 2017 at Sacred Heart or February 21, 2017 at St. Joseph. The ceremonies begin at 6:30 pm.**

### **Some Suggestions for Sponsors**

Attend Sunday Mass together.

Participate with the candidate during service involvement.

Participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation together.

Talk with the candidate about your own Confirmation and the importance of faith in your life. Find out what faith means in the candidate's life now.

We will be praying for you while you are making this important decision.

Sponsor Forms must be turned in **by September 11/12(First Class)** in order to participate in the Rite of Welcoming.

## CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORM

To be selected as a sponsor for Confirmation is a great privilege and responsibility. Being a sponsor is not just an honor given to a good friend or relative. Sponsorship calls for the ability and desire to "share" what it means to live as a **Catholic**, living a life in good standing with the Church. We ask you to take this responsibility seriously.

### SPONSOR INFORMATION

Sponsor's Full

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of Church Parish

Where Sponsor is

Registered: \_\_\_\_\_

(If you are not registered in one of our Church Parishes, a letter of good standing, from your pastor will be required.)

Person for whom you are

sponsoring: \_\_\_\_\_

Please initial the following statements if they are true. To be a sponsor, all of the following statements must be true and initialed.

\_\_\_\_ I am a Catholic, 18 years or older, and have received the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, and am currently living a sacramental life (e.g. attending Mass, making use of the sacrament of Reconciliation) and am not in an irregular marriage, or living a life of habitual sin(not married and living with someone).

\_\_\_\_ I will be available for active involvement in the confirmation process.

\_\_\_\_ I will attend "**The Rite of Welcoming**" on **Sunday, September 25, 2016** with candidate at one of the following masses: 8:30 am at St. Michael; 11:00 am at St. Joseph; or 5:00 pm at Sacred Heart.

\_\_\_\_ I will be present for the **Confirmation Session** on **Sunday, November 13, 2016** at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church for the Candidate and myself (sponsor).

\_\_\_\_ I will attend **practice** on **February 12<sup>th</sup>** at Noon at St. Joseph or **February 12<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 pm at Sacred Heart for St. Michael and Sacred Heart Candidates.

\_\_\_\_ I will present the candidate to the Bishop at the **Confirmation ceremony, on February 20 at Sacred Heart or February 21 at St. Joseph. The ceremonies begin at 6:30 pm.**

I understand the responsibilities I am undertaking and I have both the desire and intention to fulfill them. I am in good standing with the Catholic Church, attend mass every Sunday, if married it is within the church, and I model solid Catholic Christian behavior.

Sponsor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_