

Role and Responsibility of the Sponsor

Participation Agreement

The following is to be read, signed and returned ASAP.

YOU have been chosen to be a Confirmation sponsor, congratulations! This young person sees in you a profound faith commitment, finds trust and knows you are someone who will care about them and their faith. It is not all that complicated, but it does take time, a caring heart and a listening ear. Please read the responsibilities below and if you feel you are ready to make this commitment to this young person please sign and turn in.

SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- ❖ ***Be a living model of faith.** At least part of what this young person admires in you is your faith! Must be a practicing member of the Catholic Church who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. A person who is actively participating in his or her own faith community.*
- ❖ ***In the know.** Possess a basic knowledge of the Catholic faith, sacraments and an understanding of the essential nature of the Christian community. Open to renewing their spiritual life and religious knowledge during the process.*
- ❖ ***Don't miss the meetings or ceremonies.** Must be able to attend a sponsor orientation meeting, special events, major liturgical celebrations and practices required; i.e., The Rite of Entrance, The Rite of Covenant, The Rite of Confirmation, and spend time with the candidate, completing the candidate/sponsor sessions on time, etc.*
- ❖ ***Give your time and share your gifts.** You will be spending time together on various activities, prepare for the sessions before you meet individually with the candidate. Being available to share some of your life experiences, to make a personal commitment to the candidate through this faith journey.*

❖ *Pray for your candidate and yourself. As the candidate travels on this journey 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. Also remember to be yourself and share all the joy.*

Signature of Sponsor: _____ Date: _____

Name of Confirmation Candidate: _____