

Dear Confirmation Sponsor,

Congratulations! You have been honored by a youth as a trusted spiritual partner! As you accompany your candidate on his/her confirmation journey, talk with him/her frequently and answer questions along the way. Please make an effort to pray with and for the candidate and share your own faith commitment with him/her. You are in a prime position to help your candidate grow in faith through your relationship.

To fulfill this role, we ask to be available to your candidate to answer his/her questions and share your faith with him/her. We hope you have good conversations about your faith with the candidate. Here are a few ideas for sharing your faith and providing support for the Confirmation candidate.

- Take the youth out for a meal and share a special conversation about yourselves and your faith journeys.
- Attend Mass together and then share a meal and some conversation.
- Follow up with a letter or note about how you will support the student through his/her preparations for Confirmation.
- Join the candidate on a Confirmation service project and talk about it afterward.
- Take the student to Mass on a special feast day.
- Take part in a parish Lenten program together.
- Attend Eucharistic adoration together.
- Have a special prayer service together

Ideas for discussion questions and the prayer service are available at www.stclarechurch.org under sacraments-Confirmation or call me to have the information mailed to you.

We ask that you do two candidate/sponsor activities together by February 28, 2012. Please see the attached list of ideas. When you have completed the activity, fill out the form and return it to me.

You are also invited to attend our Confirmation Retreat, which will be scheduled at St. Clare Church on a Sunday afternoon in 2012.

Please have the attached Sponsor Eligibility Form Letter completed by your parish priest and returned to our Parish Office by June 30, 2011. If you are a registered and active member of St. Clare Parish, just submit the form to me at the parish office.

Thank you for your commitment to your candidate. Good luck in your ministry, and God bless!

Peace,

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