

LETTER TO CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE FROM SPONSOR GUIDELINES (GRADE 8)



At the Liturgical Rite on January 30/January 31, 2026, the candidates will be reminded of the love and support of the Christian Community (those around them). We would like you, the sponsor to write a short letter of encouragement at that time. The letter will mean a lot to them. In case you have never written such a letter, or are unsure of how to begin, we have included a sample outline below. The main requirement is that the letter be from your heart.

Things to include are:

- How proud you are of this young person during his/her preparation for Confirmation – the effort, service, prayer, concern, and care he/she has shown. Point out the gifts or talents they have or any achievements in their personal lives.
- The special place in the family this person holds. What are your hopes for them? How have they brought love and joy to the family and others? Tell them how much you care for them and how grateful you are to be their sponsor.
- Share something of your own faith journey, your challenges and how faith is important to you; tell a story of how God touched your life, or what it means for you to be Catholic and Christian.
- The hope that this young person will always strive to grow in his/her relationship with God and live a moral, responsible life as a fully initiated Catholic. How will a close relationship with God see them through life's challenges? Tell them that questions and doubts are part of the process, God understands, that God will help them find a way.

Please put your letter in an envelope with the candidate's name on the outside and bring it to the Rite on either Jan. 31, or Feb. 1 (or give it to a parent so that it can be presented to them at that time).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (609) 882-6491, ext. 116. Thank you for all your efforts to help make this preparation time spiritually meaningful for these young people.

God's Peace,

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