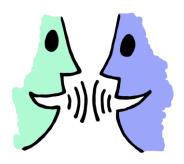
A Faith-Sharing Interview with my Sponsor...



Now that you have chosen your sponsor, it is time to spend a little time with him/her to really get to know more about their faith journey. The sponsor's role is to be your support during your faith journey. You may find that you know your sponsor pretty well, or you may find that there is a lot that you didn't know about them.

Set up a time to meet with your sponsor to interview him/her in person. It would be best to meet with your sponsor in person, but if this is not possible, because your sponsor lives out of town, you can interview your sponsor by phone, FaceTime or Zoom. You can meet at your house or your sponsor's house; you could meet for breakfast, lunch, or dinner; you could go for a walk together. BE CREATIVE!

Although you will be asking your sponsor questions in the format of an interview, your meeting should really be a discussion, with you adding your own insights and thoughts to the conversation. **INVITE YOUR SPONSOR TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS TOO!** (Your sponsor can ask you questions from the list on the back of this letter or he/she can ask some of his/her own.) You are also welcome to ask your sponsor a question that is not included in the list! The questions are provided to guide your discussion. You do not need to get through all of the questions, but feel free to do so!

- Start your meeting by praying, the traditional prayers are fine, if you feel more compelled do a spontaneous prayer asking God to join you in during this time.
- ❖ At the end of the meeting, complete the top portion if the "Sponsor Interview Reflection Form" provided and have your sponsor sign it.
- ❖ After your meeting (NOT while you are meeting with your sponsor), fill out the reflection form (on paper or via the Google form)

Suggested Questions to Ask Your Confirmation Sponsor

- 1. How did you become Catholic? Were you baptized when you were a baby or did you become Catholic as an adult through RCIA? Tell me about how you first learned about your faith, whether you were a child or an adult?
- 2. What do you remember about your own Confirmation? (How old were you? Where was it? Who was your sponsor? Did you choose a Saint name? etc.)
- 3. Who has been a good role model for you to live according to your Catholic faith? How has this person taught you or shown you what it means to be Catholic? How has this person deepened your faith?
- 4. How do you pray? Do you have a favorite place to pray or a favorite time to pray? Do you ever find it difficult to pray? When you pray, who do you usually pray to: God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Mary, a particular saint? Who or what do you usually pray for?
- 5. How do you picture the Holy Spirit? What images come to mind? When or how have you experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?
- 6. Tell me about an experience in your life when it was difficult for you to be Catholic, perhaps a time when you were ridiculed because of your faith or a time when you struggled to believe in the teachings of the Catholic faith. What did you do to "keep your faith" or find answers to your questions during these times?
- 7. In what ways do you feel that celebrating the Eucharist (the mass) every week (or maybe everyday) strengthens and nourishes you to live as a Catholic? Did you ever have a time when you did not like going to Mass? Do you like going to Mass now? What do you think caused the change?
- 8. Do you regularly participate in service projects or volunteer opportunities at your parish, work, or in your community? Describe what you do and how it impacts your life.
- 9. What is your favorite Scripture verse? Why?
- 10. What Saints have been role models in your life?
- 11.In what ways do you think you still need to grow in your Catholic faith?
- 12. What is the greatest challenge of being Catholic? What is the best thing about being Catholic?
- 13. What advice can you offer that will help me stay close to God in a world that seems far away from Him?
- 14. What spiritual advice do you have for me as I prepare for Confirmation and beyond?
- 15. What questions do you have for me?

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Confirmation Candidate's Name:
(Please print first and last name)
Sponsor's Name:
Sponsor's Relationship to Candidate:
Date of Sponsor Interview/Meeting:
Sponsor's Signature*:
*If the meeting took place by phone or email, a parent may sign for sponsor.
Reflection Questions:
After your interview with your sponsor, take some time to reflect on your discussion and write answers to the following questions
1. What are two things that you learned about your sponsor during your interview?
2. Write about one story or experience that your sponsor shared that you felt showed that he/she is connected to his/her Catholic faith.
3. What qualities or characteristics of this person do you admire and why do you feel this person is the best choice to help you become the man or woman God is calling you to be?



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Prayer for Sponsors

Spirit of Wisdom,
guide me on this journey
that I may be a true
witness
to the Gospel of Jesus and
the mission of the
Church.
Put your thoughts in my
heart and your words in
my mouth that I will fulfill
this ministry with
goodness, generosity
and grace.
Amen

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Prayer for your Candidate

Come Holy Spirit,
enlighten, [Name].
Open his/her heart to see
the gift of your presence
in all of life.
Give [Name] wisdom to
make good choices,
courage to stand up for
right things,
and perseverance and
fortitude to live as
disciples.

Amen

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