

St. Clare of Assisi Roman Catholic Church

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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, please 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, note or text 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 Advent or Lenten program together.
- Attend Eucharistic adoration together (At St. Clare, Tuesdays 6-7 p.m. or monthly, usually the first Sunday of the month)
- Have a special prayer service together

We ask that you do two candidate/sponsor activities together by April 1, 2024. 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 a sponsor meeting at 10 a.m. on Oct. 21 (meeting is on zoom due to so many sponsors living outside of this area) and our Confirmation Student-Sponsor Retreat on Sunday, Feb. 4 from 1 to 5 p.m. at St. Clare Church,

Please have the attached Sponsor Eligibility Form Letter completed by your parish priest and returned to our Parish Office as soon as possible. If you are a registered and active member of St. Clare Parish, you or your candidate may let me know about the sponsor selection at janedotson@stclarechurch.org.

Thank you for your commitment to your candidate. Best wishes in your ministry, and God bless!

Peace,

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