



"Called to Witness"

Sponsoring a Confirmation Candidate

YOU have been chosen. Long before this day, long before this moment, you were chosen and beloved by God. Now you are invited to share that love with this Candidate. Congratulations! Someone sees a disciple in YOU!

A Confirmation Sponsor represents the support and prayers of the Church. He or she will be the Candidate's "spiritual mentor" and participate in intentional, regular relationship with the Candidate. A Sponsor must be a practicing, confirmed Catholic. A Sponsor should be a person who is prayerful, open, dependable, loving and comfortable with sharing his/her faith and testimony with the Candidate. Through our Confirmation Program at St. Martin de Porres, the following is asked of the Sponsor:

- Someone who loves Jesus and the Catholic Church
- Someone who is joyful in encouraging the Candidate in his or her faith
- Willing to journey with the teen in this preparation for Confirmation through the following:
 - Scheduling two events **each year** for spiritual time with the Candidate
 - Spiritual: Something "Catholic" other than going to Mass together (examples include coming to a private Holy Hour of Adoration at SMdP, doing an examination of conscience and then going to Confession, praying in front of Planned Parenthood, attending a Parish Mission, Catholic speaker event, Stations of the Cross, Catholic Presentation, etc.)
 - These events are intended to bond and deepen your faith journey together through shared experience and conversation between the Candidate and Sponsor
- Sacramental Life: Attends Sunday Mass weekly & Holy Days of Obligation, regular Confession, etc.
- If married, needs to be a blessed marriage in the Catholic Church
- Active, practicing and registered parishioner of a Catholic Church
- Available to attend the Confirmation Rehearsal and Confirmation Mass at St. Martin de Porres in Yorba Linda (Confirmation Rehearsal & Mass dates TBD by January as per the Bishop)
- Open to share their faith story with the Candidate
- A Sponsor must pray for and with the Candidate
- Participate in the life of the Candidate for spiritual support even after Confirmation



Confirmation Sponsor Information Sheet and Witness Form

Due November 18, 2025

Name of Teen: _____
Parents Name: _____
Sponsor Name: _____
Sponsor Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____ Cell: _____
Sponsor Email: _____

Are you a fully initiated Catholic in good standing with the Church? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation) Date and church of your Confirmation: _____

How long have you known this Candidate? _____

What is your relationship to him or her? _____

In what ways have you witnessed your candidate interested to grown in his or her Catholic faith?

Do you value living your life according to Catholic values, morals, and teachings? ☐ Yes ☐ No

In what ways are the Catholic faith and the church community important to you?

I attend Mass: ☐ Weekly ☐ Once or twice a month ☐ Holidays ☐ Seldom

Sponsor's Parish: _____ Sponsor's Pastor: _____

Activities or Ministries involved in at Parish: _____

Are you: ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced & not remarried ☐ Divorced & remarried ☐ Widowed

If married, were you married in the presence of a priest or deacon in accordance with Catholic marriage Regulations? ☐ Yes ☐ No If not, why not? _____

Are you in an annulment process for any previous marriage of yourself or your spouse? ☐ Yes ☐ No

I understand the responsibility and commitment of being a sponsor for this Candidate. I understand my role as described on the Sponsor Information sheet, which I have received from the Candidate and have read. I agree to attend the required Youth Ministry events and to attend Mass with this Candidate as frequently as possible. I agree to participate in one spiritual or one service project each year in a timely manner with this Candidate as a part of this commitment. I understand that I am required to be at the rehearsal for Confirmation and the Confirmation Mass as a part of this commitment. I agree to cultivate a relationship (through my authentic example of discipleship) with my Candidate during these two years of preparation for his or her Confirmation and to serve as a spiritual support during this important time in his or her life, as well as in the years to come.

Signature of Sponsor

Date

*Please email this form to Youthff@smdpyl.org or turn into the YFF or front office at Attn: YFF