



Dear Sponsors,

Thank you for the witness you have already given (even if in subtle and little ways) in the life of the young teen whom you have been asked to sponsor! One of the greatest gifts we can give back to the Lord is the gift of sharing our faith with another. As the coming months are sure to come quickly upon us, the big night of Confirmation will be the moment where you will stand with your Candidate and they will be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. The indelible mark of the Catholic Christian will compel the Candidate to begin their mission of living and sharing their faith as a true witness to all. It is a great honor for you to begin this journey with the Candidate and I want to thank you again for all of the time and prayer you will invest. Know that the Lord above will strengthen you to help the Candidate in their time of preparation and after. In the words of Christ, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you." (John 15 v 16) The following is a schedule of events or activities you are asked to attend if it works with your schedule.

- **Sponsor Witness Form-This May 2024**
 - o Before this coming May 1st we ask that you have your parish pastor sign our Sponsor Witness form to verify that you are in good standing with the Church.
- **Confirmation Retreat- Next 2024/2025 School Year**

All sponsors are invited to attend the Confirmation Retreat with your Candidate.
- **Sponsor Interviews-Before the end of this school year**

You are asked to take some time to answer the questions of the Candidate. This could be a great time for a meal out or a long walk to discuss faith and life.
- **Sponsor and Candidate Mass- Before the end of next January 2025**
 - o Sometime before the end of January you are asked to take the Candidate to a Sunday Mass with just yourselves at a parish other than your own or Holy Spirit, and then take some time for either the interview or to continue sharing.
- **Confirmation Mass- Spring of 2025** (Please arrive by 6:00 pm with the Candidate.)
- **Please go above and beyond in your Candidate's life:** Get to know them, challenge them, take them on a special trip and encourage them to go to Bible Study and Youth Group.

If you have any questions or would like to chat about how to invest in the life of your Candidate please feel free to call or email at any time.

Peace and Blessings in Christ to you and your family,

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