

Sponsor Responsibilities

During the program, Sponsors need to be available to work with their Confirmation **Candidate** on the following:

- Attend **Sponsor workshop** with Candidate on Sunday, November 15th.
- Attend **Confirmation Rehearsal** on Thursday, April 22nd from 6:30-9:00PM
- Arrive with candidate on **Confirmation Day, Sunday April 25th at 4:00PM** (one hour before mass).
- Research together** the lives of the saints: You can help them find information about different saints on the web, or maybe you want to get them a book that discusses saint's lives from the library or a Catholic bookstore.
- Help Candidate choose a Confirmation Name** (name given at Baptism or other saint name). They are encouraged to use their baptismal name so long as it is a Christian name to emphasize the link between the sacraments of baptism and confirmation. They may want to pick a new saint's name to emphasize a renewal in their own faith. The name should be of a saint they admire and would like to emulate. In either case, the candidate is required to write a 2 page paper explaining why they chose the name they did (specifics will be given to candidates later). The confirmation name will be the name the bishop uses when confirming them and the name on their nametag that day.
- Share faith stories**- share your faith stories with the candidate. See attached Sponsor Guidebook for ideas.
- Discuss Scripture** passages/topics. See attached Sponsor Guidebook for ideas.
- Discuss/participate together in ministry/community service.** Candidates will participate in at least 3 different types of ministry service projects (of at least 4 hrs each) that will be documented in a ministry journal; one parish-based, one-community based, and one home-based. It would be great if you could participate in a community service project together. If that is not possible, then it would be great if you could follow up on how they are doing with this requirement and give them support and encouragement. Your guidebook also discusses this component.