

SPONSOR INFORMATION SHEET

A Sponsor must be a practicing, confirmed Catholic. He/she may not be the candidate's mother or father. A godparent is a good choice. The candidate is encouraged to choose someone close by. The sponsor should be a person who is prayerful, open, dependable, loving and is comfortable sharing his or her faith with young people.

ROLE

The sponsor represents the support and prayers of the entire Church. He/she will be the candidate's "spiritual friend." In this program, the following is asked of the sponsor:

- Accompany the candidate to the sponsor and candidate session, which is specifically designed for sponsor/candidate interaction.
- Sponsors are encouraged to attend the reception welcoming the candidates back from their weekend retreat.
- Sponsors need to attend the Confirmation rehearsal.
- Attend the Liturgy of Confirmation.
- To meet with the candidate regularly throughout this year of preparation and to discuss topics discussed at Oneight and Life Teen sessions
- Share their faith story with his or her candidate.
- Spend time getting to know the candidate, possibly taking him or her out to lunch or dinner, or having him or her over to your home.
- Pray for and with the candidate.
- Present the candidate during the Confirmation Rite.
- Continue to be there for the candidate and lend spiritual support after the Confirmation ceremony is over. (Suggestion: Send a card or note every year on the anniversary of his /her confirmation.)

SPONSOR KEEPS TOP PORTION ~ BOTTOM RETURNED TO CONFIRMATION TEAM

Confirmation Candidate's Name _____

Sponsor's Name _____

Sponsor's relationship to candidate _____

Sponsor's Address _____

Sponsor's City, State & Zip _____

Sponsor's Telephone Number _____

Sponsor's Church _____

Name of Pastor at Sponsor's Church _____

Year and place of Sponsor's Confirmation _____

SPONSOR'S AGREEMENT

I agree to serve as a sponsor for this confirmation candidate. I understand my role as described on the Sponsor Information Sheet, which I have received from the candidate and read. I agree to attend the required session with my candidate, unless not possible due to distance or work schedule-in which case a family member proxy will stand in my place. I agree to cultivate a relationship with my candidate during this year of preparation for his/her confirmation and to serve as a spiritual support during this important time in his/her life, as well as in the years to come.

- **Sponsors need to be present at the Sponsor/Candidate Retreat-Sunday, November 19 or 20, 2011 1pm-6pm**
- **Sponsors need to attend the Confirmation Rehearsal, TBD**
- **Sponsors must be present at the Confirmation Ceremony, April/May 2012. Arrive at 4pm; Mass at 5pm.**
- **Sponsors need to meet monthly with their candidate.**

Signature of Sponsor

Date