Sponsor Interview

As a Confirmation Candidate you should select a sponsor who will stand by you spiritually, to help you fulfill your commitment to the Faith, as well as to stand at your side in the church sanctuary when you are Confirmed. Your sponsor may be a relative (not a parent) or a friend, but must be a practicing Catholic, who has already received the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is very appropriate for your Confirmation sponsor to be one of your baptismal godparents, since we associate Baptism and Confirmation as sacraments through which we obtain the gifts of the Holy Spirit. You will have to ask him or her to provide a letter of good standing from his or her parish. Please use the form we are providing.

In order to help you and your sponsor to think together about being witnesses of your Christian Faith, we ask you to interview your sponsor – in person, if possible. During the interview, you should ask the following questions. You might want to send the questions to your sponsor ahead of time, so that he/she will have some time to prepare. You may include additional questions that you find appropriate.

Please type the question and then your sponsor's answers to each of the following:

1. Why is it important for you to be a Catholic?

2. How do you spread the Faith by your actions in your vocation or on the job?

3. Do you have other opportunities to give witness to Jesus and His Church? What are some of these opportunities? Do you look for new opportunities to serve others in your life? Explain.

4. Have you ever been criticized or ridiculed for your commitment, as a Christian, to love God and love your neighbor? How did you handle it?

5. Christian service to other people is part of the life of a Catholic. Why do you feel this is true?

6. How do you rely on the sacraments to strengthen you for living by the Gospel? Do you find that prayer and the sacraments help you to be a witness to Christ and His Church, and to grow in virtue? Explain.

7. Do you ever pray that the Holy Spirit, whose gifts are reinforced in the sacrament of Confirmation, will guide and strengthen you as you give Christian witness by your actions? Share one time you knew one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit was flowing through you.

8. Who supports you in your good works? Does/did your Confirmation sponsor help you in that respect? Explain.

9. Have you ever thought that God has worked through you to bring others closer to Him? Describe one incident.

10. What advice would you give me about living as a faithful disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ in this challenging age?