

Sacred Heart Church Confirmation Sponsor Interview – Due Jan. 9, 2019

The role of a Confirmation Sponsor is to act as a good example of Catholic Christian faith and to walk with and support you on your own faith journey throughout your life. It is the responsibility of the sponsor to stand before the faith community of the local church and testify to the Bishop on the readiness of the candidate to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

There are some specific requirements outlined by Catholic Canon Law and the Diocese regarding the selection and approval of the Confirmation Sponsor. That person must:

- Be 16 years or older
- Be a baptized and a Confirmed member of the Catholic Church
- Be actively living and practicing the responsibilities of membership in a Catholic Parish
- Sponsors may NOT be the Candidates parents

While you may already know a lot about your sponsor, it is important that you schedule a time to meet with them to discuss the answers to the questions below. It is preferred that you meet in person (go for ice cream, take a walk or go out for breakfast after Mass together) but you can complete the interview by phone or video chat if they live far away.

Although you will be asking your sponsor questions in the format of an interview, your meeting should really be a discussion between the two of you. The questions below are meant to be a GUIDE to the discussion. While you are welcome to discuss all of the questions, you must **choose at least EIGHT** of them to write a summary of the response given by your sponsor.

Use the attached form or type the answers on a separate sheet (Don't forget to include YOUR name). Sponsor interviews must be **completed and submitted by Wed., January 9, 2019.**

1. What do you remember about your own Confirmation? (How old were you? Where was it? Who was your sponsor? Did you choose a Saint name? etc.)
2. What does it mean to be Catholic for you?
3. What does "forgiveness" mean to you? What has been your experience with the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

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4. Do you have a favorite place and time to pray? What are some of your favorite prayers or ways to pray? What obstacles do you find in praying regularly and how do you overcome these difficulties?
5. Describe a time when you felt really close to God.
6. Who has been a good role model for you to live according to your Catholic faith? How has this person taught you or shown you what it means to be Catholic? How has this person deepened your faith?
7. In what areas would you like to see growth in your Catholic faith?
8. What is your favorite Scripture passage, verse or story?
9. What Saints have been role models in your life?
10. How do you picture the Holy Spirit? What images come to mind? When or how have you experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?
11. Through the Sacrament of Confirmation, the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we first received at Baptism (wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence, wonder and awe) are strengthened and increased within each of us. Reflecting back on your life experiences and decisions, which gifts have you used a lot? Which gifts do you need to use more?
12. How has participation in Christian community service played a role in your life? In what types of service have you enjoyed participating? What have you learned from these experiences?
13. What is the greatest challenge of being Catholic? What is the best thing about being Catholic?
14. What spiritual advice do you have for me as I prepare for Confirmation and beyond?

Confirmation Sponsor Interview Response Sheet

Candidate's (Student) Name (first and last): _____

Sponsor's Name (first and last): _____

Is this person also your Baptismal Sponsor (Godparent)? ___ Yes ___ No

Name & City of Sponsor's Parish:

Parish Name

City & State

*Select **EIGHT** of the questions from your sponsor interview meeting and write a summary of your sponsor's answers below or typed on a separate sheet of paper. Turn this in to your small group leader or the Youth Ministry office by **January 3, 2018**.*

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Summary: Write a short summary about why you chose this person to be your sponsor and why you think they will be a good role model in your faith journey.
