

SPONSOR OVERVIEW: 2009-2010

Qualifications of a Sponsor:

- (1) Be designated by the one to be confirmed and have the qualifications and intention of performing this role.
- (2) Recommend at least 21 years of age; minimum graduation from high school the spring of beginning the Confirmation program.
- (3) Be a fully initiated, practicing Catholic and, preferably, a member of Good Shepherd Parish or a parish located in Tallahassee.
- (4) Not be the father or mother of the one to be confirmed (*as per Canon law*).

Role of the Sponsor:

- (1) Models the commitment to personal prayer, community worship, and ministry expected of a mature Christian.
- (2) Agrees to participate in the Confirmation journey with the student as outlined in the duties below.
- (3) Willingly shares his or her faith story (as appropriate) with the candidate.
- (4) Supports the candidate during the journey of preparation through ongoing dialogue, notes of encouragement, and a willingness to listen to the concerns and hopes of the candidate.
- (5) **Prays for and with the candidate.**
- (6) Represents the wider Christian Community to the candidate. (**Note: Parents are still the primary guides and models for the Confirmation candidates.**)

Duties of a Sponsor:

- (1) **Attend the Sponsor/Candidate/Parent Meeting, Sun., May 17, 4:30 pm, in the Church.**
- (2) **Attend the Rite of Enrollment** (*Sun., May 17, at the 6:00 p.m. Mass following Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor/Parent Meeting*); the **practice** for Confirmation and **Confirmation at the Mass designated** (assignments will be made in the fall).
- (3) **Meet with the candidate for the equivalent of four one-hour meetings** between the Rite of Enrollment (May 17, 2009) and January 10, 2010.
- (4) **Encourage and oversee/approve the candidate's 15 service hours.**
- (5) **Be proactive in assisting the candidate complete the required four hours of sponsor/candidate meetings.**
- (6) **Return the completed Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Record** which includes the four one-hour Sponsor/Candidate meetings & the candidate's service hours **by Jan. 10, 2010.**
- (7) Attend the **Confirmation Practice** and **Confirmation**. At Confirmation, **the sponsor presents the candidate to the Bishop** (by his/her Confirmation name) for anointing and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, will **continue to guide the newly confirmed in the future.**
- (7) Notify the DRE at scaringeb@gs.ptdiocese.org of your e-mail address to be included in reminders (please note that you are a Confirmation sponsor.)

Important Information For You To Know:

Name of Confirmation Candidate : _____
Candidate's Confirmation Name: _____
Phone Number of Candidate: _____
Address of Candidate: _____
Candidate's Parents Names: _____
Candidate's Birthday _____/_____/_____
E-mail of Candidate _____

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