

THE ROLE OF A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

You have the honor of being chosen as witness to the confirmand's initiation into full Christian life as a Catholic. Through this sacrament, the confirmand is strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, made a true witness of the Christ in words and deed, and invited more deeply into the life of the Church. Your most significant role in relation to him/her is to be a role model of such witness and unifying love.

Some ways in which you can nurture this spiritual relationship through life are:

- **Spiritual Guidance:** To be a mentor and spiritual parent, helping the candidate to navigate challenges in his/her Christian life.
- **Witness to Faith:** To be a model of intentional discipleship, showing how to follow Christ daily through actions and words. Participating in parish life and liturgy
- **Support Sacramental Life:** To encourage him/her to participate in Holy Mass and Reconciliation regularly. Also, invite them to join you for Sunday Mass and Holy days like Christmas, Easter and personal growth events.
- **Prayer:** pray for the candidate's needs and invite them to pray for you.
- **Ongoing Relationship:** Maintain contact after Confirmation, offering support and sharing faith. Celebrate the anniversary of this holy day of Confirmation with a visit, call or text.
- **Ministry Involvement:** Invite the candidate to parish activities or ministries and participate with them.
- **Most Importantly:** Become a model of Christian living for the person you have sponsored, through daily prayer, virtue and active participation in parish life and liturgy.

By living a Christian life in partnership with the one who you have sponsored for full Church membership, both of you will experience the great joy of sharing a life of faith.

Congratulations! And may God bless you!