

Sponsor Form

Name of Sponsor (printed): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Are you registered member of this Parish? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, which Parish are you registered with? _____

Have you sponsored someone for Confirmation before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you still communicate with this person? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What do you believe the qualifications are to be a sponsor?

Do you feel comfortable sharing your faith experiences with the youth and the Confirmation community? _____

What are your hopes for this Confirmation process?

Name of the candidate you wish to sponsor: _____

Are you able to attend the meetings scheduled for the sponsor participation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you communicate with the candidate at least once a month to review their progress? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Can you commit yourself to journey the 2 years with the candidate? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Sponsor Pledge

I believe that _____ is ready for confirmation.

Candidate's First and Last Name

- I fully understand the preparation process and the covenant.
- The Director of this process will have my complete cooperation and support.
- I will help my candidate in any way I can.
- I will be supportive in service projects.
- I recognize this as a time of re-commitment in my own faith life.
- I pray that the holy spirit will guide and direct us during this time of preparation.

Sponsor's Signature

Date

Parish Priest's Signature

Date

The Role of the Confirmation Sponsor

The sponsor has a significant role in the faith development of the candidate.

The sponsor should be at least 18 years of age, a mature person of faith, and **must** be a confirmed Catholic in good standing. The sponsor must complete the Sponsor Form with a signature from their Parish Pastor.

Candidates should choose their sponsor in the beginning of Year 1 of Confirmation.

The sponsor **cannot** be the parent of the one to be confirmed.

A sponsor is someone who reflects Catholic values in word, worship, and service.

The sponsor participates in activities during the Confirmation process and meets personally with his/her candidate to guide the discernment process the candidate is undertaking.

The sponsor is asked to attend both the sponsor session and the second Confirmation practice held the week of Confirmation.

Sponsor Guide

- Sponsors are invited to attend any sessions with your candidate.
- Keep in touch outside of required meetings. Their faith journey is ongoing and your involvement will show them they are important and worthy of your time.
- Invite your candidate to Mass. Remember example is powerful.
- If you sense that a candidate had a difficult time understanding what was said or experienced at a group session, do not hesitate to ask if you can help. If you don't know how to respond or are not sure what the church teaches don't make it up. They will remember your answers. Make sure you are finding the information together. This will help them learn how to find answers as they continue to grow in your faith
- In accompanying your candidate for two years, there will sometimes be the need to listen to what is troubling your candidate. Take the initiative in responding to needs.
- Pray daily for all the candidates, but in particular for your candidate.
- Invite the candidate to parish functions other than the Sunday Liturgy. Perhaps ask your candidate to volunteer for a ministry with you within American Martyrs Catholic Community. Be sure to discuss your experience afterward.