



ST. PIUS X CHURCH
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Dear Confirmation Sponsor,

Thank you for being part of the Confirmation program at St. Pius X Parish. By saying yes to your candidate, you have chosen to be an active participant in his/her faith journey. Your candidate has chosen you because you are special in his / her life. Some of you may be Godparents, completing the initiation process of the Sacrament of Baptism and further strengthening the promises made at Baptism.

Our Confirmation students are part of a parish program designed to bring together knowledge of the Catholic faith, prayer, community service, and parish involvement. Hopefully, this will serve as a successful transition and connection to the larger community in which they live.

Here are a few suggestions on how to be the best possible sponsor for your candidate:

Be a living model of faith – At least a part of what this young person admires in you is your Catholic faith and the way you practice your faith. Your life doesn't have to be artificially saintly, but just authentic and sincere.

Pray for your candidate – They need spiritual strength. Your prayers are important to them. Also, don't forget to pray for yourself, that you can share why you value and practice your Catholicism. Attend Mass together if you can.

Give of your time & share your gifts – Share your experience of Christian service with your candidate. Write a letter of encouragement. Let your unique God given talents & gifts shine. Offer a gift of spiritual significance – a new Bible, Rosary or book on faith.

Be a support for your Candidate during the ceremony - Being there on Confirmation night is the easiest part of being a sponsor. Your basic job is to place your hand on the candidate's shoulder , and tell the Bishop your candidate's Confirmation name but your role on Confirmation evening is only just beginning.

Maintain regular schedule of close contact over the next three months with your candidate.
Sometimes distance from your candidate might present a problem in being able to get together from time to time for discussions. Maybe you can speak on the phone, or communicate via e-mail, text messaging or share letters over the next few months.

Don't forget this newly Confirmed Catholic – After Confirmation Day , remember birthdays and this anniversary. Send a card, make a phone call. Continue to worship together, or from time to time do some Christian service together. Put the “Gifts of the Spirit” into practice.

The following is a list of forms & due dates required by you and your candidate:

- Candidate to submit a completed Registration Form.
Due Date: October 12, 2011.

- Confirmation Sponsor Form is to be completed by you and the bottom Section to be completed by your parish priest.
Due date: October 12, 2011.

- Candidate to submit letter to Fr. Robbins and Mrs. Newman requesting this Sacrament.
Due Date: October 12, 2011.

- Candidate to choose a Confirmation Name and complete the "My Confirmation Name" Form.
Due Date: November 1, 2011 (All Saints Day).

- Candidate & Sponsor to attend Candidate Sponsor Night & Commitment Ceremony
November 6, 2011

- Candidate is to perform 24 hours of service & 2 spiritual activities
Due Date: December 4, 2011

- Candidate to attend either the Youth 2000 Retreat or the St. Pius retreat and write a reflection of the event
Due Date: December 16, 2011.

- Candidate & Sponsor to Attend Confirmation Rehearsal
January 10, 2012

- Candidate & Sponsor to attend Confirmation Liturgy & Reception
January 11, 2012

It may appear that there is a great deal of paperwork involved, please consider the significance and importance of the sacrament of Confirmation. This is the first opportunity for each candidate to make a conscious decision about his/her faith. With guidance from the parish religious education staff and your loving support, each student will have the knowledge to make the right decision.

Thank you for your willingness to be a sponsor. May God bless you and continue to guide you and your candidate as you prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation.

In Christ,

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