

# The Role of the Confirmation Sponsor

Sponsors, as well as other members of the parish community are challenged to become faith sharers, witnesses and evangelizers to our youth preparing for Confirmation. You will not be expected to catechize a Candidate but rather to share your faith with the Candidate, so the Candidate will begin to catch from you the life and spirit of the Church.

To be a Confirmation Sponsor means that you will serve as a companion, guide, model and witness.

You will be a **companion** by walking through their faith journey with them by completing 3 Sponsor Activities with your candidate (see Sponsor Activities below). Working with your candidate to complete the activities will give you the chance to offer support, understanding, and a gentle challenge to the Candidate.

You will also be a **guide** to point the way of the Lord on his/her journey of faith.

Your ministry as a Confirmation Sponsor means that you must also be a **model of faith**: to continually deepen your own faith and to put into practice all that you believe so that your very life will be an inspiration for the Candidate. That doesn't mean you are expected to be perfect, nor do you have to fear not knowing enough about your faith. The way you live your faith and share it with others is what will be helpful to your Candidate.

Finally, as a Confirmation Sponsor you must be a **witness** for the community – willing to testify to the spiritual growth of the Candidate to the Parish community.

The Sponsor's role is to encourage the young person in his/her faith journey and to say to the Parish community at the time of Confirmation, "this person is ready to share in the rich, faith-life of our community."

## Sponsor Activities (3)

*Worksheets and Confirmation Sponsor Form are posted on St. Philip's website under High School Faith Formation.*

1. Gifts of the Holy Spirit Worksheet
2. Talents Service Project and Service Project Report
3. Catholic Trivia

All Sponsors must fill out Confirmation Sponsor Form and returned to Parish Office.