



Confirmation Sponsor

You are admired for your faith! You have been chosen to be the Sponsor for a teen receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Rose Catholic Church, Lima, Ohio.

Canon 892 states, "The sponsor's function is to take care that the person confirmed behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the duties inherent in this sacrament."

About being a Confirmation Sponsor:

A Confirmation Sponsor is a personal witness of the Catholic faith to the candidate. A sponsor is encouraged to participate in the candidate's preparation process in ways they see fit. A good idea might be to write a letter to your candidate to give them before or after Confirmation that shares your faith, ideas or even your own Confirmation experiences.

A sponsor should be willing to play a role in the authentic spiritual development of the Confirmation candidate both before and after the sacrament. The sponsor is to help the confirmed faithfully fulfill the obligations of a Catholic Christian faith life. Therefore, a sponsor should be sufficiently mature, emotionally and spiritually, to carry out these duties.

The sponsor should be present at the celebration of Confirmation. If that is not possible, a proxy may take the sponsor's place.

Sponsor qualifications:

- ✠ At least 16 years of age
- ✠ Be Catholic
- ✠ Received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation
- ✠ Participates in the Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
- ✠ Is a follower of Christ in everyday life, a teacher of the faith by example, and an active member of a believing community
- ✠ If married, validly married according to the teachings of the Catholic Church
- ✠ Is not prohibited from receiving the sacraments
- ✠ Not a mother, father or step-parent of the candidate

We will celebrate Confirmation Sunday, February 20, 2011 at St. Rose Catholic Church at the 11:00 a.m. mass.

You and your candidate should arrive by 9:30 in St. Rose Cafeteria to review your role in the liturgy and answer any questions that you may have. A photographer will also be available to take a portrait of you and your candidate.

Please complete the enclosed form and return to your candidate by December 5, 2010.

St. Rose Catholic Church



St. John Catholic Church

Parish Office Building

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