

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church  
**Confirmation Sponsor**

The sponsor plays a double role in Confirmation; they present the student to the Bishop vouching for their sincerity and readiness for the sacrament, and they represent the entire community in welcoming the student into a deeper participatory-level of membership in the church community. **The sponsor plays an important function assisting in the Christian formation process;** he/she provides ongoing encouragement and support to the candidate and should be ready to help the student with questions relative to their varied stages of growth before and after the celebration of the Rite of Confirmation.

**Confirmation Sponsor's Role:**

- \* Assist in the preparation by engaging the candidate in thoughtful conversation regarding personal faith experience and its application (share your story and be a good listener).
- \* Pray for the candidate; be someone the candidate can trust and confide in, someone who will be there when needed.
- \* Be a "practicing" Catholic, providing a positive example and role model in sacramental participation and works of charity (perhaps attend Mass together, or find other ways to practice your faith together through community service activities).
- \* **Participate in the "Rite of Acceptance" Ceremony, Sunday, November 14 during the 5 PM Mass**; staying for dinner and meeting with candidate from 6-7:30 PM. If sponsor is not available this day, candidate's parent stands in the sponsor's place.
- \* **Participate in the "Rite of Election" Ceremony, Sunday, March 6, 2011 during the 5 PM Mass**; staying for dinner and meeting with candidate from 6-7:30 PM. If sponsor is not available on this date, the candidate's parent must stand in the sponsors place.
- \* **Fill out and return the "Confirmation Sponsor Application"** found on OLMC's Website.
- \* **Provide a letter from your Pastor indicating your eligibility to perform the role of "Confirmation Sponsor."** If sponsor's home parish is OLMC, contact our secretary, Rita, (949) 673-3775, and ask for a "Confirmation Sponsor Verification letter" from Msgr. Baird be filled out and put in John Bruscia's mailbox. Otherwise, contact your pastor for this "letter of verification" and mail it to John Bruscia, 1441 W. Balboa BL., Newport Beach, CA 92661 (blank forms available by contacting John).
- \* **Participate in the "Rite of Confirmation"- Proposed Dates: 1) Sun., May 15; 2) Sat., May 14; 3) Sun., May 22 - the date will be assigned in November, at our 5:00 PM Mass with one of our Bishops. Please arrive at 3:00 PM for practice, setup and procession.**
- \* **Follow-up after the Rite:** provide continued support and assistance to the Confirmati. Challenge and encourage him/her to continued growing and participation in a life of faith, love and service.