

Confirmation Sponsor

The sponsor plays a double role in confirmation; they present the student to the Bishop vouching for their sincerity and readiness for confirmation, 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 student and should be ready to help the student with questions relative to their varied stages of growth. The student/sponsor relationship continues after the celebration.

Confirmation Sponsor's Role:

- * Pray for the candidate. A real "friend," someone the candidate can trust and confide in; someone who can be there when needed.
- * Be a practicing Catholic; providing a positive example and role model in sacramental participation and works of charity.
- * Assist in the preparation by engaging the candidate in thoughtful conversation regarding personal faith experience and its application (being a good listener).
- * Attend Mass with the candidate, or find other ways to practice your faith together through community service activities.
- * Participate in the "**Rite of Acceptance**," Sunday, November 15 during the 5 PM Mass; staying for dinner and meeting with candidates from 6-7:30 PM. If sponsor is not available on this date, the candidate's parent must stand in the sponsor's place.
- * Participate in the "**Rite of Election**," Sunday, March 7, 2010 during the 5 PM Mass; stay for meeting with candidates from 6-7:30 PM. If sponsor is not available on this date, the candidate's parent must stand in the sponsors place.
- * Participate in a "**Morning of Reflection and Practice**" - Saturday, May 1, 2010 9AM-12noon here at OLMC.
- * Fill out and return the "**Confirmation Sponsor Application**" form.
- * **Provide a letter from your Pastor** indicating your eligibility to perform the role of Confirmation sponsor.
- * Participate in the "**Rite of Confirmation**"- **Proposed Date: Sunday, May 2, 2010, 5:00 PM Mass with one of our Bishops (date to be announce in November). Please arrive at 4:30 PM for setup and procession.**
- * **Follow-up after the Rite:** provide continued support and assistance to the confirmed student. Challenge and encourage the student to continue growing and participating in the faith.