



Living for Christ
ST·MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 2014

Dear Confirmation Sponsor,

I am happy to hear you have been asked to be a sponsor for Confirmation. It is indeed a blessing and an honor to be asked by a teen to share your faith with them. I hope you will meet regularly with your Confirmation student between now and April, and that you both continue to grow in faith. The first opportunity for you to serve in this role will be our **Confirmation Student/Sponsor/Parent Prayer Service on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church**. Please plan to attend if you are able!

In order to be a Confirmation sponsor, you must be a confirmed Catholic, at least 16 years old, in good standing with the church, and not a parent of the candidate. You must have active communication with the candidate and assist in their preparation, and you must be present at the Confirmation ceremony.

- **The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be held at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul, Minn., on Saturday, April 11, beginning at 10 a.m.
- **The Welcoming Mass for the newly Confirmed** will be Sunday, April 12, at 6 p.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church in St. Michael, Minn.

Because this is an important role defined by Church law, I ask that you to verify when you have fulfilled the sponsor requirements. Please return the attached form to me by Friday, Feb. 13, to the address shown at the bottom of this page, or via email to jthorp@stm catholicchurch.org.

Finally, your teen will have received either a sponsor book or a sponsor packet to help guide your conversations, and you should use these materials, as they will be reviewed before Confirmation to help ensure that students met with their sponsors. However, we know that each person shares his or her faith in a different way, and you are welcome and encouraged to do so as you wish. You could go to Mass or Reconciliation, do community service, or go on a retreat together. I ask that you take the responsibility of setting meetings with your student – ideally in person, but via phone or internet is also fine.

Please pray for all the candidates as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit!

God bless you,

Jim Thorp
Director of Faith Formation

Sponsor Commitment Form

My name is _____ . I am a Catholic in good standing and
attend _____ Catholic Church in _____ .

I am a Confirmation sponsor for _____ .

After meeting and talking about our faith and completing the materials provided, it is with great joy that I recommend this student for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Sponsor Signature _____

Candidate or sponsor must return this form to:

Jim Thorp

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