

Santa Clara de Asis Catholic Church
"Called to Witness"
Information on Sponsoring a Confirmation Candidate



YOU have been chosen. Long before this day, long before this moment, you were chosen and beloved by God. And now you are invited to share that love with this Candidate. Congratulations! Someone sees a disciple in YOU!

A Confirmation Sponsor represents the support and prayers of the Church. He or she will be the Candidate's "spiritual mentor" and participate in intentional, regular relationship with the Candidate. A sponsor must be a practicing, Confirmed Catholic. A sponsor should be a person who is prayerful, open, dependable, loving and comfortable with sharing his/her faith and testimony with the Candidate. In this program at Santa Clara de Asis Catholic Church, the following is asked of the Sponsor:

- To be someone who loves Jesus and the Catholic Church
- To be someone who is joyful in encouraging the Candidate in his or her faith
- To be willing to journey with the teen in this preparation for Confirmation through the following:
 - Scheduling three events **each year** (6 total) for one on one time with the Candidate
 - Social: Something that is just FUN! Enjoyable, life giving and relaxing!
 - Spiritual: Something "Catholic" other than going to Mass together (examples given are coming to our Youth Ministry Holy Hour from 7-8 p.m. on any First Friday that is not a youth night, doing an examination of conscience and then going to Confession, attending a speaker series, going to Stations of the Cross Presentation during Lent, etc.)
 - Service Project: **MUST** be a Corporal work of mercy where you have an encounter with the PEOPLE who are serving. (Not enough to sort clothes or prep food...).
 - These events need to be on separate days
 - These events are intended to create consistency in conversation between the Candidate and sponsor and are meant to create a platform for discussion of the faith
- To be available to attend the Confirmation Rehearsal and Confirmation Mass at Santa Clara de Asis in Yorba Linda (dates change every year)
- To be open to sharing their faith story with the Candidate
- A sponsor must pray for and with the Candidate
- To be present for the Candidate and lend spiritual support after Confirmation is received

Confirmation Sponsor Information Sheet and Witness Form



Name of Candidate: _____
Sponsor Name: _____
Sponsor Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____ Cell: _____
Sponsor Email: _____

Are you a fully initiated Catholic in good standing with the Church? ____ Yes ____ No
(Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation) Date and church of your Confirmation: _____

How long have you known this Candidate?: _____

What is your relationship to him or her? _____

In what ways have you witnessed your candidate interested to grown in his or her Christian faith?

Do you value living your life according to Catholic values, moral and teachings? ____ Yes ____ No

In what ways are the Catholic faith and the church community important to you? _____

I attend Mass: Weekly Once or twice a month Holidays Seldom

Sponsor's Parish: _____ Sponsor's Pastor: _____

Activities or Ministries involved in at Parish: _____

Are you: Single Married Divorced & not remarried Divorced & remarried Widowed

If married, were you married in the presence of a priest or deacon in accordance with Catholic marriage Regulations? ____ Yes ____ No If not, why not? _____

Are you in an annulment process for any previous marriage of yourself or your spouse? ____ Yes ____ No

I understand the responsibility and commitment of being a sponsor for this Candidate. I understand my role as described on the Sponsor Information sheet, which I have received from the Candidate and have read. I agree to attend the required Youth Ministry events and to attend Mass with this Candidate as frequently as possible. I agree to participate in one spiritual, one social and one service project each year in a timely manner with this Candidate as a part of this commitment. I understand that I am required to be at the rehearsal for Confirmation and the Confirmation Mass as a part of this commitment. I agree to cultivate a relationship (through my authentic example of discipleship) with my candidate during these two years of preparation for his or her Confirmation and to serve as a spiritual support during this important time in his or her life, as well as in the years to come.

Signature of Sponsor

Date

*Please email this form to Kirsten@scdlayl.org or turn into the front office at Attn: Youth Ministry.