

St. Peter in Chains Sponsor Information Sheet

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Role

The sponsor represents the support and prayers of the entire Church. He/she will be the candidate's "spiritual friend." In this program, the following is asked of the sponsor:

1. Sponsors need to attend the Confirmation rehearsal.
2. Attend the Liturgy of Confirmation.
3. To meet with the candidate regularly throughout this years of preparation and to discuss the topics addressed in the preparation sessions. (This can also be done through Skype for those that live out of town)
4. Share their faith story with his or her candidate.
5. Spend time getting to know the candidate, possibly taking him or her out to lunch or dinner, or having him or her over to your home.
6. Pray for and with the candidate.
7. Present the candidate during the Confirmation Rite.
8. Continue to be there for the candidate and lend spiritual support after the Confirmation ceremony is over.

(Suggestion: Send a card or note every year on the anniversary of his/her Confirmation.)

Confirmation Candidate's Name _____
 Sponsor's Name _____
 Sponsor's Relationship to candidate _____
 Sponsor's Address _____
 Sponsor's City, State & Zip _____
 Sponsor's Telephone Number _____
 Sponsor's Church _____
 Name of Pastor at Sponsor's Church _____
 Church's Telephone Number _____
 Year and place of Sponsor's Confirmation _____

SPONSOR'S AGREEMENT

I agree to serve as a sponsor for this confirmation candidate. I understand my role as described on the Sponsor Information sheet, which I have received from the candidate and read. I agree to attend the required session with my candidate, unless not possible due to distance or work schedule - in which case a family member proxy will stand in my place. I agree to cultivate a relationship with my candidate during this year of preparation for his/her confirmation and to serve as a spiritual support during this important time in his/her life, as well as in the years to come.

- Sponsors need to attend the Confirmation rehearsal.
- Sponsors need to be present at the Confirmation ceremony.
- Sponsors need to meet monthly with their candidate **September through April.**

_____ Sponsor's Signature _____ Date

Dear Sponsor,

Congratulations on being chosen as a sponsor! It is a great privilege to walk along with your candidate as he or she prepares for Confirmation. Below gives you an idea of what a sponsor is called to do. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 513-863-3938 ext. 302 or merrellj@stpeterinchains.org.

Sincerely in Christ,

Deacon Jeff Merrell
Minister of Faith Formation

Who can be a sponsor?

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