

Guidelines for Letters to Confirmandi FROM their SPONSORS

Dear Sponsors,

These letters are not “turned in” but should be given directly to the Confirmandi for their Confirmation retreat. All students will have the opportunity to read these letters and spend time thinking about them during their Confirmation retreat. Please make sure to have the letter to them in time for that. These letters mean a lot to them. Remember, you are their Catholic role model; share your faith with them.

Please write a letter to your Confirmation candidate to help them better understand the significance of this sacrament in their lives. Try to make this letter personal so it will touch them in a special way. The following guidelines are provided with topic suggestions to help you get started.

- Open with words of encouragement
 - Point out their gifts & talents
 - Tell them why they are so special to you/their family & friends
 - Congratulate them on their hard work in the program, achievements in their personal lives, obstacles they've overcome, etc.
- Share with them personal spiritual experiences and / or stories.
 - Share how your faith affects your life.
 - Tell a story of time where God touched your life in a special way.
 - Discuss what it means to you to be Catholic.
 - Share special insights that might influence their faith
- Discuss how Confirmation can change/affect their lives.
 - Spiritual growth is an ongoing / lifelong experience to be conducted daily
 - A close relationship with God will see you through all life's challenges/
 - Your actions reflect your Catholic faith and your Catholic faith drives your actions.
 - Don't ever be afraid to live and speak God's truth (defend the faith), He is with you.
 - Be a servant. Jesus was. Serve your Church and all God's people.
 - Give to God and you will be rewarded 10 fold. God is the greatest gift giver.
 - Questions and doubt don't mean you are lost, turn to the Church and you'll find your way.

