

Sponsor Worksheet #1 **DUE: MONDAY, 12/10 (TUESDAY, 12/11 SVdP)**

The Sacraments of Initiation

Students will ask their sponsors:

- ❖ What was your Confirmation saint name?

- ❖ Why did you choose that name?

- ❖ Who is your favorite saint?

Students will discuss with sponsors which names they have been looking at and sponsors will help guide them in choosing one.

Sponsors and Students: What are the Sacraments of Initiation? Why are they called that? Why the Sacrament of Confirmation is considered a beginning according to the Church when most see it as a “graduation”?

Sponsors and Students: Read Acts 7:51-60 about Stephen. What type of disciple was Stephen? How did he feel about his faith? Read Acts 9:1-19 about Saul/Paul. How did this experience change Saul? What type of disciple did he become?

Sponsor Worksheet #3 **DUE: MONDAY, 2/25 (TUESDAY, 2/26 SVdP)**

Reflection on the Mass, the Eucharistic Liturgy

Jesus said to the Jew, 'Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day. --John 6: 53-54

Discuss the following (answer on back or on another piece of paper as needed):

1. The Eucharistic Liturgy (Mass) is a basic component of being Catholic. We believe that Jesus is present in four major ways at this time: in the bread and wine, in the Scripture reading, in the assembly (community present at Mass), and in the priest. Which do you find most powerful at this time and why? Discuss why this might change.
2. Eucharist means to give thanks and that is what we do at each Mass: We thank God for the gift of salvation, which we receive by faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Coming to Mass with a grateful heart can make a difference! What are three things you are grateful for and why?
3. The Scriptures tell us, *We should not be absent from the assembly* (Hebrews 10:25), meaning we need to worship together with our faith community. The people gathered at Sunday Mass at your parish are your 'assembly'.
 - What do you like best about Mass at your parish?
 - What do you like least about it?
 - You can't change the priest or many of the other aspects of Mass, but you can change things about yourself to make attending Mass more worthwhile. What is one thing you can change about you? (Your attitude, how much you participate, do you pray beforehand, do you look at the readings beforehand, etc.) Respond as concretely as possible.
4. The third Commandment says Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day. The Church tells us to participate in the Mass each Sunday. How seriously do you take Sunday Mass attendance? In addition to participating in Mass, how else might you keep the Lord's Day holy?