

Confirmation Candidate – Sponsor Shared Activities:
First Year Candidates

Confirmation Candidates and their sponsors are required to do (three) faith-sharing activities together, so that they may have an opportunity to discuss something about our Catholic Faith together. Sometimes we may not always have a chance to discuss our faith and our beliefs with people – even the ones that we feel close to. These activities are geared to help you do that.

This is one of the three faith – sharing projects that Sponsors are asked to do with the Confirmation candidate for year One.

Step #1 (Sponsor Portion): Each sponsor is asked to write a letter to the Confirmation candidate that gives them some helpful advice or suggestions about choosing & staying on the “right path” as they enter their teen years.

Please include some guidance on how God can be relied on in these often difficult times. How has faith played a role in your own life in making decisions or dealing with life’s challenges?

Step #2 (Confirmation Candidate Portion): Candidates upon receiving a letter from their sponsor should make a small poster or collage on a piece of 8.5 X 11 card stock. *This poster should reflect the advice that the sponsor gave to you in the letter that they wrote to you. This should be done using words and pictures. The pictures may be hand drawn or cut from magazines.*

This exercise is intended only to get you to truly think about the advice that your sponsor gave to you. By attempting to use art or words to reflect the advice, it may help you to remember it and take the advice to heart.

Please turn in a copy of the letter with the poster to your Confirmation teacher.

Sponsor & Candidate Joint Activities
First Year

Candidates and sponsors must complete each of the following activities.

1. Attend Sunday Mass together. After Mass, introduce your sponsor to the Priest that said Mass. Complete worksheet #1 together and return it to your Confirmation teacher.

2. Participate in one community service activity together. Complete worksheet #2 together and return that to your Confirmation teacher.

Sponsor & Candidate Joint Activity
Second Year

Candidates and sponsors must complete each of the following activities:

1. Attend Sunday mass together. After Mass, introduce your sponsor to the Priest that said Mass. Complete worksheet #1 together and return it to your Confirmation teacher.
2. Visit <http://bustedhalo.com/category/sacraments101>. These are SHORT - easy to understand little film clips on the sacraments. The Sponsor and Candidate should watch the 3 short films on Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation and each should complete Worksheet #3 which will draw from specific things that you viewed in each film.
3. Both the Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor visit: <http://www.catholicscomehome.org/>. Complete worksheet #4 - which will draw on the material you viewed.

Worksheet #1 for Confirmation Candidate & Sponsor Activity

Name of Confirmation Candidate:

Name of Sponsor:

The date we attended Mass together:

Name of the Church:

Name of the Priest that said Mass:

Today's Gospel was about:

Today's Homily made these points:

How and why does attending Mass help our relationship with God?

Worksheet #2 for Confirmation Candidate & Sponsor Activity:

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Name of Confirmation Candidate:

Name of Sponsor:

The Community Service Activity we worked on was:

We performed the service at:

On this date:

Candidate's thoughts/observations on this project:

Sponsors thoughts/observations on this project:

How are we following the 2 "Greatest Commandments" that Jesus gave us when we perform Community Service?

If the two of you were to work on another community service project together or independently-would you do this type of service again, or choose something else?

Worksheet #3 for Confirmation Candidate & Sponsor Activity:

<http://bustedhalo.com/category/sacraments101>

1. Did you learn something by watching these 3 short films? Would you recommend these to someone else?

2. What are the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation known as? The sacraments of:

3. Do we baptize someone again if they are converting to a different Christian religion? Why or why not?

4. What is meant by, an Emergency Baptism?

5. Is Jesus truly present in the Eucharist?

6. What words are exchanged in the Receiving of Eucharist?

7. What does Amen mean when we receive Eucharist?

8. What is the role of the Confirmation Sponsor?

9. What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit? A brief description of each is given in the film on Confirmation.

- 10. What is the significance of taking a Confirmation Name?**

