

# Guidelines for Letters to Confirmandi FROM their SPONSOR

Dear Sponsor,

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

Recommendations for the letter are as follows to help the candidate 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 effects 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/effect 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 ten-fold. God is the greatest gift giver.
  - Questions and doubt do not mean you are lost, turn to the Church and you will find your way.

