

Dear Confirmation Sponsor –

You are receiving this letter since one of our Confirmation students here at Sacred Heart has asked you to serve as their Confirmation sponsor. We instructed the students to prayerfully select a sponsor who is an example of Catholic holiness through the practice of their faith and leading a life worthy of example. This is a great opportunity and responsibility, here is how you can help your student prior to Confirmation.

Your responsibilities during the preparation process include:

- **Fill out** the enclosed Sponsor Eligibility Form, including the signature of your Pastor, and return the form to the Sacred Heart Parish office.
- **Pray regularly and intentionally** for the student you are sponsoring both during the preparation process and after they are confirmed.
- **Be actively involved in their life** as they grow in faith during the preparation process this coming year. We are asking you to meet individually with your student at least once in between each of their monthly classes. This may take place anytime and anywhere you are able to meet (i.e. a restaurant, a park, a bookstore/coffee shop, etc.). Should you live a great distance away, or health reasons necessitate, these meetings may also take place by phone or video chat (facetime, duo, zoom, etc.). These meetings are a time for you to mentor the student in the practice of the faith, helping them to both understand the content they are learning, and how the faith applies practically to the life of a Christian disciple. **They will be given a ‘Sponsor Meeting’ sheet to help guide the conversation that they will turn back in at the next class.**
- Attend the Confirmation Half-day of recollection and rehearsal the day before Confirmation on **Saturday, April 17th from 8:15am – 2pm**, and present the Confirmandi at the Confirmation Mass on **Sunday, April 18th at 2:30pm** (meet at 2pm in the social hall). Both of these events will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Church here in Aberdeen.

Lastly, thank you for your Christian witness to our young people and your willingness to accompany them and help them grow in the practice of the faith as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this coming year. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact the Sacred Heart Parish office at 605-225-7065, or by email at thomas@sacredheartaberdeens.net.

Sincerely,

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