



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Sponsor,

August 27, 2019

I just wanted to take a moment and thank you for saying this very special “yes” to our Lord by agreeing to be a Confirmation sponsor. It is a testament to your faith that you have made this commitment to share of yourself, your time and most importantly your faith with a young person.

I would like to encourage you to be in regular contact with your candidate however you are able. If you are local, that may be through one-on-one meetings or it may be via e-mail or phone (skype?) if you are a distance away. The most important thing is to let your candidate know that you are available and praying for them. Being a Confirmation sponsor is a ministry of presence. Just having your candidate know that you are available to them is some of the best support you can give.

Please not hesitate to be a presence in your candidate’s life. Look for ways to make a connection even if it is brief. Acknowledging a simple event in their lives like a test, a class presentation, play tryouts or athletic event etc., is a great way to show your support. Feel free to send you candidate cards or notes. Just a note to let you know that you are thinking of them is great, but better yet, a note or call of support before a significant event would make a great impression. Teens are always excited to get mail and a word of encouragement here and there can go a long way in preparing their heart to receive this Sacrament.

Please share your faith freely with your candidate. After all, you are their sponsor and they are going to expect you to talk to them about the “faith and religion stuff”. Many young people at this age are very interested in faith matters. They are eager to embrace their Catholic faith and they would really like to have someone to talk to about this. Feel free to share your faith and religious experiences that will help them on their journey.

Finally, the most important element of this journey is prayer. If you have an opportunity to pray **with** your candidate, please do so. One on one spontaneous prayer can be very bonding and rewarding. I would encourage you to do this. However, it can be rather intimidating and may not be an option. In those cases, saying a prayer together that you both know, such as the Our Father, might be easier. Attending Mass together would be a way to pray together. Do whatever is practical and comfortable for both of you. As a sponsor your individual prayer for your candidate is indispensable. Pray that their hearts will be open to the Holy Spirit during this wonderful sacrament and that their faith and love for Christ will be strengthened. I want you to know that as you are praying for your candidate, there are many people here at St. Elizabeth’s who are lifting you up in prayer as well. You are a very integral part of this Sacrament and we are here to support you in every way.

Again, I want to thank you for saying “yes” to this ministry. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (260) 432-0268 ext 118 or via e-mail at kconte@seasfw.org.

May God bless you in every way!

Kim Conte
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