



✠ The first thing you should do with your sponsor is to talk to your sponsor about your faith life and how you can grow in your faith. Imagine you and your sponsor are setting up a training routine so that you can grow in your faith.



✠ The second thing you should do is practice your faith together from time to time. Go to Mass together, pray together, and talk about your faith. As a baseball player gets better by playing catch with someone so practicing your faith with someone helps you grow also.



✠ Celebrate your faith together. Talk about your God given talents and how you can best use them for the good of the Church and the world. A ball player must always hone his or her skills.



✠ Repent together. We all know that we make mistakes and so talking with your sponsor about your sins and how you can avoid them in the future is a good idea. Think of it as watching game film with your coach in order to improve.



✠ Learn together. Take some time to learn about the Church and all it teaches. A good athlete never stops learning. He or she with his or her coach takes the time to learn more about the game.



✠ Support one another. Being a Catholic is not an easy choice. Sometimes it means being rejected by others and sometimes it means doing without. Catholics therefore need to support each other.



✠ Encourage one another. No one is perfect and so we need people to encourage us to keep trying even if we swing and miss. In much the same way we need to encourage others including our sponsor.



✠ Tour different churches and shrines with your sponsor. It might be a good idea if you and your sponsor took the time to explore different churches and shrines. Just as taking in a ballgame at a different stadium can help you grow in your appreciation of the game so can visiting different churches and shrines and talking about your experience.



✠ Celebrate your milestones with your sponsor. Go out with your sponsor on the day of your baptism or on another special day significant to your faith development. Think of you and your coach celebrating your call up to the majors or your first hit.



✠ Perform some sort of service project together. A big part of what it means to be a Catholic is answering Jesus' call to serve the less fortunate. Choose a service activity to do together like working at a soup kitchen or helping some elderly person with their yard for example. Your relationship with your sponsor will grow to be like that of a pitcher and catcher and you will be more likely to go to your sponsor with questions of faith.



✠ Take the time to go the extra mile especially after you are confirmed and meet with your sponsor either weekly or once a month to talk about your faith. You will be like the player who always signs up for extra batting practice and you will show others how serious you take your faith.



✠ Finally take the time to talk to your sponsor about how to avoid sin because just as a fielder wants to avoid errors while playing defense we too want to avoid sin because it separates us from God.

