

ST. AUGUSTIN PARISH CONFIRMATION SPONSOR INFORMATION

A Sponsor must be a practicing, confirmed Catholic, who is at least 16 years of age. He/she may not be the candidate's mother or father. A godparent is a good choice. The candidate is encouraged to choose someone close by. The sponsor should be a person who is prayerful, open, dependable, loving and is comfortable sharing his or her faith.

ROLE

The sponsor represents the support and prayer of the entire Church. He/she will be the candidate's "spiritual friend." In this program, the following is asked of the sponsor.

1. Accompany the candidate to sessions if possible.
2. Attend the Confirmation rehearsal.
3. Present the candidate during the Confirmation Rite.
4. Spend time getting to know the candidate, possibly taking him or her to lunch or dinner.
5. Meet with the candidate regularly throughout the period of preparation to discuss the topics addressed in preparation sessions.
6. Share his or her faith story with the candidate.
7. Pray for and with the candidate.
8. Continue to be there for the candidate and lend spiritual support after the Confirmation Rite is over. Suggestion: send a card or note every year on the anniversary of his/her Confirmation.

Submit this portion to St. Augustin Parish Office, 545 42nd St. Des Moines, IA 50312

Confirmation Candidate's Name: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Relationship to Candidate: _____

Sponsor's Address: _____

Sponsor's City, State, & Zip: _____

Sponsor's email address: _____

Sponsor's Parish: _____

Name of Pastor at Sponsor's Church: _____

Year and Place of Sponsor's Confirmation: _____

Sponsor's Agreement

I agree to serve as a sponsor for _____. I understand my role as described on the Sponsor Information sheet, which I received from the candidate. I agree to attend the required session with my candidate, unless it is not possible due to distance or work schedule—in which case a family member proxy will stand in my place. I agree to cultivate a relationship with the candidate during this year of preparation for his/her confirmation and to serve as a spiritual support during this important time in his/her life, as well as in the years to come.

Signature of Sponsor

Date