

## **Walking Together #1: Interviewing Your Confirmation Sponsor**

Every person who gets confirmed in the Church has chosen a sponsor. A sponsor is someone who is in good standing with the church, lives out the teachings, and has a desire to share that with you. Finding the right person to be your sponsor is very important! To help you do that, task number 1 is to interview them.

To complete this interview, ideally you would be able to meet your sponsor in person to chat. If you are limited, you can complete this over Facetime, Zoom or a phone call. You should plan that this will take you at least an hour to answer all the questions and fill out the paperwork so please plan accordingly. If you want to break it up into multiple visits/calls feel free to do so.

Although you will be asking your sponsor questions in the format of an interview, your time together should really be a discussion with you adding your own insights and thoughts to the conversation. *ENCOURAGE YOUR SPONSOR TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS, TOO!* If you do not wish you share the answers to all the questions, that is okay, but you MUST complete page 2 and turn that in!

Start your 'meeting' by praying together!

*Dear heavenly Father, thank you for allowing us to gather today to grow in both faith and fellowship. Please let us be open to sharing our faith as we learn from each other. We ask that you continue to deepen our understanding, grow our wisdom, and guide us in the journey of adulthood in the Catholic Church. Amen.*

### **This task needs to be completed and turned.**

1. How did you become Catholic? Were you baptized when you were a baby, or did you become Catholic as an adult through the RCIA program? Tell me about how you first learned about your faith whether you were a child or an adult.
2. As a Catholic, what makes you different from other Christians?
3. How do you picture the Holy Spirit? What images come to mind? When or how have you experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?
4. What name did you choose for your Confirmation name and why?
5. Do you have a favorite saint (or favorite saints)? Why is he/she your favorite? What is there about his/her life that has helped you on your faith journey?
6. How do you define the word "holy?" Do you know people in your life that you would describe as "holy?" Do you think anyone describes you as "holy?" How does that make you feel? What challenges do you face when you are trying to live a life of holiness?

7. Tell me about an experience in your life when it was difficult for you to be Catholic -- perhaps a time when you were ridiculed because of your faith or a time when you struggled to believe in the teachings of your Catholic faith. What did you do to "keep your faith" or to find answers to your questions during these times?
  
8. \*\* In what ways do you feel that celebrating the Eucharist (the Mass) every week (or maybe every day) strengthens and nourishes you to live as a Catholic? Did you ever have a time when you did not like going to Mass? Do you like going to Mass now? What do you think caused the change?
  
9. What is your understanding of what it means "to sin?" What does "forgiveness" mean to you? What do you do when you find it very difficult to forgive someone who has hurt you? What do you do when you need to ask forgiveness from someone you have hurt?
  
10. One very special aspect of our Catholic faith is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Tell me about your own feelings and thoughts about and experiences with this Sacrament. Is it difficult for you to celebrate this Sacrament or was there a time when it was? What kind of preparations do you find helpful before you celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation?
  
11. How do you pray? Do you have a favorite place to pray or a favorite time to pray? Do you ever find it difficult to pray? When you pray, who do you usually pray to: God, Jesus, The Holy Spirit, Mary, a particular saint? Who or what do you usually pray for?
  
12. Have you ever had a time in your life when you really struggled to believe in God? Tell me about it and how you kept your faith in the end.
  
13. Who has been a good role model for you to live according to your Catholic faith? What has he/she taught you or shown you? How has he/she deepened your faith?
  
14. In what ways do you think you still need to grow in your Catholic faith? What is one of the greatest challenges? What is one of the BEST things about being Catholic?

**THIS PAGE MUST BE TURNED IN BY FOR CREDIT!**

**NAME**

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**SPONSOR**

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**DATE OF INTERVIEW**

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What do you think was the point of this conversation/assignment?

Are you encouraged that you chose the right person to be your Confirmation Sponsor?

Which question(s) allowed you to have a meaning full conversation?

Share your take-aways from it:

Please write down both YOU and your sponsors' answers to these questions:

In what ways do you feel that celebrating the Eucharist (the Mass) every week (or maybe every day) strengthens and nourishes you to live as a Catholic? WHY?

Did you ever have a time when you did not like going to Mass? WHY?

Do you like going to Mass now? What do you think caused the change? WHY?

\*\*Has the COVID-19 pandemic affected your faith life? In what ways?