

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Dear Sponsor,

Congratulations! You have been CHOSEN to guide a candidate through the preparations for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. What an honor! And, at the same time, what a challenge. As a sponsor, you will be expected to be an example of Catholic life. To your candidate, you will be a living Gospel.

There are several formal expectations:

- ∞ You and your candidate will meet **three** times to discuss Catholic faith sharing questions. The forms are listed as **Sponsor/ Candidate Meeting Sheets 1 (2 sides), 2 & 3** and they are in your packet. You are expected to help your candidate return the completed sheets to me on or before the due date printed on each sheet. You will need to have your **CHOSEN Booklet** and a **Catholic Bible** available for your meetings. The meetings should be completed by **MAY 2017 ! You need to return your Sponsor booklet at that time!**
- ∞ Your candidate **must know** the Lord's Prayer, the Seven Sacraments, the Ten Commandments, the Eight Beatitudes and the Apostle's Creed. **You** are to make sure your candidate knows these and can explain them. This is **VERY** important!
- ∞ You may participate in any of the classes or events listed on the schedule. I encourage you to go to Mass with your candidate when it works out for your schedule.
- ∞ *You will write a letter* to **Julie Soehren** indicating your candidate's readiness, to be received by me no later than **April 1st, 2018**. It can be hand written, typed or emailed. My address is at the bottom of this letter.
- ∞ **Confirmation** is **Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 5:30 pm at St. Mary's, 417 S Minnesota St. New Ulm**. Please gather in the **Social Hall (the church basement) 20 minutes before the Mass**. **Confirmation** practice is on **Saturday morning May 12 at 9:00 am at St. Mary's** for all Candidates and Sponsors.

Go over the Sponsor/Candidate meeting sheets together at the proper times, not trying to "work ahead" for the sake of convenience. Please ensure that I receive these on time, your candidate can turn them in to their religion teachers or me. You also have been given a copy of the schedule and descriptions of the process and some background information.

I personally **thank you** for making the commitment to guide your candidate through this year of preparation. It may be a challenge, but always remember that it is an honor and a great responsibility to be **chosen** to be a personal witness to the love of Jesus and the value of His Church.

If you need anything at all, please call me at the parish office at (507) 354-4158 or (507) 233-0628. My office email address is **julie.soehren@holycrossafc.org**

God Bless You,



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