

Dear Sponsor,

Congratulations, a teenager has asked you to be a Sponsor for Confirmation and you have accepted.

At St. Anthony's, our Confirmation Candidates sign a covenant in which each person agrees "to prepare in a meaningful way" for Confirmation. One of our hopes is that each Confirmation Candidate develops some awareness of personally accepting the decision made at Baptism to follow our Lord Jesus in the Christian community of the Roman Catholic tradition.

In order to help develop some sense of faith sharing in this process, we would like you to take the time to give the teen you are sponsoring the gift of your personal perspective by writing a brief letter. We would like this letter sent to your teenager in care of St. Anthony's Parish. Your letter will be presented to him/her and read privately as part of their Confirmation Package. In order to be sure that your letter is completed and that your teen will have such letter of affirmation, please be sure that you bring the letter with you and turn it in to one of the members of the preparation team. As you can imagine, your teen will really miss a meaningful faith and relationship opportunity if your letter is not there.

In writing to this special teenager who has chosen you, you may wish to touch upon the following points:

- Fond memories of this teen as a child
- Special qualities you see in him/her
- Prayers or religious songs that have meaning for you
- People who have influenced you in trying to lead a good life
- Ways that being a Christian has helped you
- Memories of your own preparation for Confirmation
- What helps you to keep believing in God
- A promise to pray for this teen
- Some of your hopes or dreams for him/her

We hope that you like this idea and that even if you find it difficult or challenging, you will realize that this can be something very special for the teen who has chosen you as their Sponsor.

*\*\* Please remember that a Sponsor must be Roman Catholic, 16 years of Age, Confirmed and in good standing.*

Sincerely,

*Fr. Luigi Filippini*

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