



Candidate & Sponsor Discussion Guide

Here are some wonderful video resources for sponsors to watch before discussing these with your Candidates:

- ✓ **What does it take to be a Sponsor?:** *You've been chosen, now what?*
<https://vimeo.com/840531902>
- ✓ **Inspirational Journey:** *"The Father and Son Together"*
<https://vimeo.com/279480836>
- ✓ **Campfire:** *Picture what church can be - church is a sharing of our stories, struggles, hearts and lives - as vulnerable as an open flame. We are hope on earth:*
<https://vimeo.com/85376091>

As you interact with your candidate, please model and encourage him/her to:

- ✓ Continue to develop a personal relationship with Jesus through prayer, Scripture, and faith sharing
- ✓ Participate fully and regularly in the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confession
- ✓ Continue to grow in knowledge of their faith and be able to articulate what they learn
- ✓ Discover and share their gifts with the parish and community
(These are the **primary goals** of Junior High Youth Ministry)

Setting Up Faith Sharing Opportunities:

If you are local and can meet in person, then you – the sponsor – should contact your candidate to meet up, be intentional and persistent in scheduling a time and place to meet. Take time to discuss your faith experiences, what you've learned, what you're learning. If you cannot meet in person with your candidate, then connect through FaceTime or Zoom.

Use the Scripture on the next page to

- ★listen for God speaking to you, guiding you, directing & encouraging you
- ★discuss the Scriptures and what it may mean for your life
- ★use the Scripture as a springboard to pray out loud with each other

Any questions may be directed to Junior High Youth Ministry

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What Does God's Word Say to Us?

**Both Candidates
AND Sponsors
are to answer
these questions!**

Matthew 22:34-40 - What is the greatest commandment?

- What are some ways you show God love?
- What if we just loved God with only some of our heart, and some of our strength? How would He feel?
- What are daily/weekly things you do to serve others?

Jeremiah 29:11-13 - Does God have a plan for me?

- Share about a time when you felt God was really LISTENING to you. Did you ever feel that God was NOT listening to you?
- What does God say we MUST do in order to FIND HIM?

1 Peter 4:8-11 & 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 - How are we called to love others?

- What word or phrase sticks out to you in these passages?
- What is the most challenging command in these passages?

1 Corinthians 10:13 - What about temptation?

- How can God help you when you feel tempted?
- Do you think to pray for God or your Guardian Angel to help with a temptation?

Philippians 4:4-9 - When life gets stressful!

- What word or phrase sticks out to you in this passage?
- When was a stressful time in your life that you turned to God? What happened?

Discussing Confirmation:

- * If someone who had never heard of Confirmation before asked you what it is, what would you tell them?
- * What will the Sacrament of Confirmation bring to you? (What do you get?)
- * What does God want you to do after Confirmation?
- * Why are you getting confirmed? What are your reasons for desiring this Sacrament of grace?

Growing in a Friendship with Jesus

- * If you could spend 1 hour face to face with Jesus, what would you want to ask Him? What would you do and what would you talk about?
- * Do you see Jesus as a friend? How do you think this friendship began?
- * How does having a relationship with God help you, or how has it changed you?
- * What can you do before Confirmation to connect with God more?
- * What does it mean for you to be a disciple of Jesus and follow Him?
- * How are you doing at trusting and including Jesus with different parts of your life?
- * How have you been connecting to God lately (through Mass, prayer, and/or Scripture)?
 - ➔ What is your favorite form of prayer?
 - ➔ What challenges or distractions make prayer difficult?
 - ➔ Read what Jesus tells us about prayer in Matthew 6:5-15.
 - ➔ What prayer goals do you have to connect with God more?

*Prayer is a conversation with God;
it includes both talking and listening!*