

## Sponsor Letter to their Candidate

### Not to be shared in advance with Confirmation candidate

St. Ann would like you to participate in a tradition that has become an integral part of our Confirmation Formation. “Palanka letters,” or letters of affirmation, are letters that contain words of advice, friendship, spirituality, and love from sponsors and parents, siblings or relatives. It is our hope that these letters inspire the Confirmation candidate to develop a closer relationship with God, themselves and others. You can talk about how you have seen your candidate grow not just spiritually but also over the years that you have known him/her. Talk about good choices that they have made in their life. Challenge them to make good choices and to rely on God’s grace as they face decisions in high school. Share your own faith story with them and tell how your faith has helped you in life.

These letters will be handed to each individual candidate at a special ceremony. What a wonderful opportunity for you to share your feelings about your candidate, as they get ready to take the first steps towards an adult relationship in the Catholic faith. Remember, this year is a time of many changes, and your written thoughts and words will go a long way in supporting and building their spirituality.

Please take the time to write this letter. It has a profound effect on the reader. Your writing this letter will change your life also!

The letters are a surprise, so please do not let the Confirmand know that you are writing them. This is the only notice that will be sent. Mail letters to Tom Uraski or drop them off at the parish office.  
**THANK YOU!**

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