

Sponsor and Candidate Discussion

Begin each discussion by praying--either a traditional prayer (Hail Mary, Our Father, etc.) or a spontaneous prayer.

1. How did you become Catholic? Were you baptized when you were a baby or did you become Catholic as an adult through RCIA? Tell me about how you first learned about your faith, whether you were a child or an adult? Did you go to Catholic School or Parish Religious Education?
2. Share an occurrence from the past [twenty-four hours/week/year] in which you recognize the Holy Spirit's presence.
3. Who has been a good role model for you to live according to your Catholic faith? Why?
4. 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?
5. What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit? Which gift of the Spirit do you most need at this time in your life?
6. 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 the Catholic faith. What did you do to "keep your faith" or find answers to your questions during this time.
7. In what ways do you feel that celebrating the Eucharist (the Mass) every week (or maybe everyday) 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?
8. Do you regularly participate in service projects or volunteer opportunities at your parish, work, or in your neighborhood? Describe what you do and how it impacts your life.
9. What is your favorite Scripture verse? Tell me why.
10. In what ways do you think you still need to grow in your Catholic faith?
11. What is the BEST thing about being Catholic?
12. How do you imagine participating in the Church in ten years? in twenty years?
13. What type of Christian vocation can you envision for yourself? (single life, married, religious brother/sister, priesthood) What are some things you can do now to prepare for your vocation?
14. How do you imagine Heaven?