

Sponsor Meeting #1 Interview your Sponsor

Now that you have chosen your sponsor, it is time to spend a little more time with him or her to really get to know more about his or her faith journey. After all, the life-long role of your sponsor is to walk with you and support you on your own faith journey! You may find you already know a good deal or that there is much more to learn!

Set up a time to meet with your sponsor to interview him or her. It is best to meet with your sponsor in person, but if it is not possible, you can interview him or her by phone or by email. You can meet inside outside or share a meal, be creative!

You should plan to meet with your sponsor for about an hour. You can always meet longer or more often but plan for a minimum of an hour!

Although you will be asking your sponsor questions in the format of an interview, your meeting should really be more of a discussion, with you listening and adding your own insights and thoughts to the conversation. Invite your sponsor to ask you questions too! You can ask your sponsor questions that are not on the list, and you do not need to talk about each and every question I provided, but you can.

Start your meeting by praying together!

Take notes during the interview so later you can answer the reflection questions.

Have your sponsor sign the form. (A parent can sign it if it is done by mail or email.)

Turn in your form by January 5, 2014!!!

Have fun!

Twenty Questions to Ask your Confirmation Sponsor:

1. How did you become Catholic? Were you baptized when you were a baby or did you become Catholic through RCIA? Tell me about how you first learned about your faith.
2. As a Catholic, what makes you different from other Christians?
3. How do you picture the Holy Spirit? What images come to mind? When or how have you experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?
4. What name did you choose for Confirmation and why? When or how have you called on "your saint" to help you on your journey?
5. Do you have a favorite saint(s)? Why? What about that saint has helped you on your faith journey?
6. How do you define the word "holy"? Do you know people in your life that you would describe as "holy"? Do you think anyone describes you as "holy"? What challenges do you face in trying to live a life of holiness?
7. Tell me about an experience in your life when it was difficult for you to be Catholic- perhaps a time when you were made fun of for your faith or when you struggled with a teaching of the Catholic Church. How did you keep your faith or find answers to your questions at that time?

8. In what ways do you feel that celebrating the Eucharist (Mass) every week strengthens and nourishes you to live as a Catholic? Did you ever have a time when you did not like going to Mass?

9. What is your understanding of what it means to sin? How do you avoid sin?

10. What does forgiveness mean to you? What do you do when you find it difficult to forgive someone who has hurt you? How do you ask forgiveness from someone you have hurt?

11. Tell me about your feelings, thoughts and experiences with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Is it difficult for you to celebrate this Sacrament or was there a time when it was difficult for you to celebrate it? How do you prepare yourself to go?

12. How do you pray? Do you have a favorite place or time to pray? Do you ever find it difficult to pray?

13. How do you serve? Do you participate in service projects or volunteer opportunities in your parish, school, work or community? How does service impact your life?

14. How would you answer someone who said, "Catholics are weird, they worship Mary!" Who do you turn to or what resource do you use when you find that you do not know an answer to a question about your faith?

15. Tell me about a time when you felt particularly close to God. Tell me about a time you felt very far away from God.

16. Who has been your role model for you to live out your Catholic faith? What has he or she taught you? How has he or she challenged you?

17. In what ways do you still need to grow in your faith? Do you try to keep learning? How?

18. What is your favorite Scripture passage or story? Why?

19. Through the Sacrament of Confirmation, the gifts we received at our Baptism: wisdom, understanding, counsel (right judgment), courage, knowledge, reverence, wonder and awe are strengthened and increased within each of us. Reflecting back on your life experiences, which gifts have you used the most? Which gifts do you need to use more?

20. What is the best thing about being Catholic? What is the greatest challenge to being Catholic?

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Candidate's Name _____

Date of Meeting _____

Sponsor's Name _____

Sponsor's Signature _____

1. What was one thing you learned about your sponsor's faith journey that surprised you during your meeting?

2. What was one thing that you found challenging in your sponsor's faith journey?

3. Write about one story or experience that your sponsor shared that you felt showed that he or she was truly strengthened by the Holy Spirit through Confirmation.