



Candidate – Faith Partner Session...

**Getting to know you:
Reflecting on the Past**

This first part of the sharing session is meant to be a time recalling some of the experiences of your past, in order for candidates and faith partners to get to know each other better and to feel more comfortable with one another.

Individually, please write short answers to questions 1 – 9.
Then, return to the beginning and share each of your responses with one another.

This is to be a time of using both speaking AND listening skills.

- 1. What are two or three special Church related memories you recall from your childhood?**
(ex: First Communion, Baptism, Reconciliation, Marriage, Easter Vigil ect).

- 2. Please share some reasons as to why the memories you listed above were memorable.**

- 3. Name two of the people who have influenced you the most in the development of your faith.**

- 4. How, specifically, have they influenced your spirituality?**

Please turn to the back side of this page.

5. What was one time you felt especially close to God?



6. Why do you think this was?

**7. Have you tried to recapture that closeness?
Have you been able to do so?**

**8. What was one of the crisis times in you life when your faith in
God was tested or shaken?**

9. Did this crisis weaken or strengthen your faith in God?

Thank you for sharing. Please go on to the next page.



AND TODAY???

Now that you have taken a look backward, it is time to reflect on your faith today. Where do you see yourself on your journey with God at this time?

Each candidate is to write responses to the following questions. Your comments and opinions are to be honest. Share only what you feel comfortable sharing with your faith partner.

The Faith Partner is not to be judgmental of the candidate's responses, but rather, is to try to understand a little about what this candidate believes about him/herself, his/her faith and about the Church. As Faith Partner, you are to serve primarily as listener.

Faith Partners are welcome to also write or think about their own answer to each question asked. HOWEVER, the focus of this second section is to be on the responses of the Candidate. Thank You!

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1. What are some of the reasons you want to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation at this time?
 2. What are some of the ways you hope to spiritually grow during this Confirmation preparation process?
 3. How would you describe your relationship with Jesus at this time in your life?
 4. In what ways would you like to grow in your relationship with Jesus?

5. How often and when does prayer fit into your life?
6. What does it mean to you to be a member of our Catholic Christian faith community?
7. How important is it to you to receive the Holy Eucharist? How often?
8. Why are you a Catholic Christian?
9. How easy or difficult is it for you to try to live as a Catholic Christian? Why do you think this is?

Some of these questions may be easy for you to respond to, others may be more difficult. Our Faith Journey is to be one during which we continually ask ourselves, “Who am I?” and “What do I believe?”



Closing Prayer

Faith Partners, please face your candidate and repeat after me this message to your candidate:

I ask God's blessing on you

*May you know in your heart that
I commit myself to being your Faith Partner*

May I be open to learn from you,

And, may God bless our times together.

Candidates, please repeat after me this message to your Faith Partner:

*I ask God's blessing on you, my Faith Partner
And on our times together...*

*May you find the courage to be yourself with me,
To share your faith, and to listen to me,
And respect my searching questions.*

May you be a light on the path of my travel.

All, please turn to the front and together pray the *Lord's Prayer*.