

August 18th, 2022

Dear Confirmation Sponsor,

On behalf of the St. Teresa of Calcutta faith community, thank you for accepting the honor and privilege of mentoring your candidate for our confirmation program. This is a very important and serious position and not one to be taken lightly. You have obviously been chosen by the candidate because they respect you and admire you!

We ask that as part of the program, you meet with the teen on a regular basis, but <u>at the very minimum—4</u> <u>times during the preparation period this year</u>. The most important part of making this program successful is that you have a willingness to share your faith with the candidate. This year you will use the "Story Guide" as it is enclosed with this packet. You can follow along with what the teens are discussing in their small groups by using the Story Guide as well as the conversation starter questions that are in your packet.

The other responsibility you have as a sponsor is that you are to represent the Church. If, for whatever reason at the end of the program, you feel that your candidate is not ready to celebrate the sacrament, you must honestly share that with your candidate and me. Otherwise at the end of the program you will be asked to write a letter to me recommending the candidate for Confirmation. This letter will include as many of the following as you feel comfortable sharing:

- What growth you have seen in your candidate during your time together (be specific).
- Describe your candidate's relationship with Jesus.
- Describe some of the activities that you did together maybe a service project.
- What "gifts" you feel your candidate will bring to the Church.
- How you personally feel about your candidate being confirmed.

## Please send the letter to me no later than April 17<sup>th</sup> at:

St. Teresa of Calcutta Formation & Discipleship Office, PO Box 68, North Lake, WI 53064

If you have any questions about the program or the letter, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for being a great example and disciple of Christ!

Many prayers and blessings,

## **Steph Haizel**

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