

## **CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORM**

### **Congratulations!**

You have been chosen by a young person from St. Margaret Mary Parish community who is preparing to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

This Confirmation Candidate \_\_\_\_\_ has identified you as a living witness of faith in Jesus Christ and his Church to be their role model.

We hope that you have received the Sponsor's Guide from your candidate, in which there are many ideas and talking points to help you communicate the faith. One of the most effective part of your sponsorship is **prayer**, pray daily for your candidate, remind your candidate that you are praying for them.

Like a parent, a Confirmation sponsor's job is to be an up-close-and-personal witness of the Christian life for your candidate. The sponsor's task does not end when the teen is confirmed; rather, the sponsor is obligated to help the teen "grow in faith," to help in his or her Christian walk throughout life, and to seek out the candidate if he or she ever goes astray.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_.

I am a baptized and confirmed Roman Catholic in good standing with the Church. The parish which I am a member is \_\_\_\_\_.

I am at least sixteen years of age Yes No

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

You are invited to join your candidate, if you are able, for the Confirmation Retreat which will be held on Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Church.

On the day of Confirmation, Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, we request that you arrive at Church by 6:45 p.m. so that the Teachers from your candidate's school may help you find your seat.

At the time of the anointing, you will follow your candidate to the Bishop with your left hand on their left shoulder. Your candidate will make their request to be confirmed, they will be anointed with the Oil of Chrism and receive the fullness of the Spirit. You will both return to your seats.

Thank you for accepting this honour and responsibility of being a Confirmation Sponsor. May the Holy Spirit inspire and encourage you as you accompany your candidate on the journey to the fullness of life in Christ. May this be a graced time.

*"Only when the Sponsors are people of firm faith and committed love can they influence the persons they sponsor to be open to the Spirit and faithful to their baptismal promises. Sponsors who are lax or careless in the practice of their faith are not prepared to take on such a responsibility. People who strive to be faithful to Mass and the Sacraments, who pray and try to live their beliefs in their daily lives, who work to bring the message of Christ into the community: these are ideal sponsors." (The Rite of Confirmation book, 'Pastoral Notes' p. 101)*