



September 14, 2017

**Dear Sponsor,**

You have been asked to be a sponsor for one of the Confirmation candidates of our parish. On behalf of the Parish Community, we welcome you to our program, and thank you for taking on this important role in the life of your candidate.

Because of the importance of a sponsor in the life of any Christian, you are encouraged to spend some time with the candidate in the discussion of your faith. You may want to invite your candidate out for breakfast or lunch. Perhaps you can find some quiet time at your home or your candidate's home. However you do it, share your faith experiences. Why do you believe? Where did your faith come from and how did it develop? What about tough times in your life how did your faith help you to get through your doubts?

The celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 5:00 PM with Bishop William McGrattan presiding.

To help you know what our expectations are of the candidates, we include the following information:

- Every candidate is expected to attend Mass weekly;
- Every candidate is expected to attend meetings which are opportunities for them to discuss their faith with others in the Confirmation class lead by trained adults;
- Every candidate is expected to participate in individual service projects, one projects in the parish, and one project outside the parish;
- Every candidate will have some research and study to do regarding their name choice and/or their patron saint;
- Every candidate will present their service projects and their research on their name choice to the parish;
- Every candidate will have an interview with Fr. Mariusz Sztuk, SDS regarding their experience and preparation for the sacrament to assess their readiness and spiritual growth.

On a separate sheet of paper included with this letter is an additional form we ask you to fill out. On it, you can indicate your willingness to take on this important role. Please fill it out and return it to us directly or through the candidate as soon as possible, but no later than December 7, 2017.

Our congratulations to you and our heartfelt thanks for taking one of our confirmandi under your spiritual care and guidance. May God bless you in your efforts!

Sincerely,

Fr. Mariusz Sztuk, SDS

(Parish Priest)