

Sacramental Prep

Sponsor Interview

Now that you have chosen your Sponsor, it is time to spend a little more time with him/her to really get to know more about his/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!

Sometime during the next few weeks, please set up a time to meet with your Sponsor to “interview” him/her. It would be best to meet with your sponsor in person, but if this is not possible, because your Sponsor lives out of town, you can interview your sponsor by phone or Skype. You should plan to meet with your Sponsor for at least one hour for this meeting. But feel free to meet for as long as you would like or multiple times! **DO NOT EMAIL THIS FORM TO YOUR SPONSOR AND ASK THEM TO FILL IT OUT.** This is intended to be a conversation tool to be completed by both candidate and sponsor.

Although you will be asking your Sponsor questions in the format of an interview, your meeting should really be a discussion, with you adding your own insights and thoughts to the conversation. Invite your Sponsor to ask you some questions too. The questions are there to guide your discussion. You are also welcome to ask your Sponsor a question that is not included in the list. You do not need to get through all of the questions, but feel free to do so.

The Sponsor Interview is one of the requirements to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Be sure to complete the interview by the required date. Make sure all answers are completed thoroughly. Incomplete interviews will be returned to the Candidate for further work. If you have any questions or concerns please email Confirmation staff at youthoffice@ststephenbentonville.com.

St. Stephen Confirmation Sponsor Meeting

Candidate Name: _____

Date of Sponsor Meeting: _____ / _____ / _____

Sponsor Name: _____

Sponsor Signature: _____

**** If the interview took place by phone or email, parent may sign for Sponsor.***

Interview Questions: Candidate should ask each question to their candidate. Candidate should then write the answer in the space provided below.

1. How did you become Catholic? Were you baptized when you were a baby or did you become Catholic as an adult through the RCIA program? Tell me about how you first learned about your faith, whether you were a child or an adult.

2. 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?

3. What name did you choose for your Confirmation name and why?

4. Do you have a favorite saint(s)? Why is he/she your favorite? What is there about his/her life that has helped you on your faith journey?

5. Tell me about an experience in your life when it was difficult for you to be Catholic, perhaps a time when you were ridiculed because of your faith or a time when you struggled to believe in the teachings of your Catholic faith. What did you do to “keep your faith” or find answers to your questions during these times.

6. In what ways do you feel that celebrating the Eucharist (the Mass) every week (or maybe daily) strengthens and nourishes you to live as a Catholic? Did you ever have a time when you did not like going to Mass? Do you like going to Mass now? What do you think caused the change?

7. How do you pray? Do you have a favorite place to pray or a favorite time to pray? Do you ever find it difficult to pray? When you pray, who do you usually pray to: God, Jesus, The Holy Spirit, Mary, a particular saint? Who or what do you usually pray for?

8. Do you regularly participate in service projects or volunteer opportunities at your parish, work, or in your neighborhood? Describe what you do and how it impacts your life.

9. Have you ever had a time in your life when you really felt close to God? When?

10. Have you ever had a time in your life when you really struggled to believe in God? Tell me about it and how you kept your faith in the end.

11. Who has been a good role model for you to live according to your Catholic faith? What has he/she taught you or shown you? How has he/she deepened your faith?

12. What do you think is one of the greatest challenges to being Catholic? What is the best thing about being Catholic?

End of Interview

After meeting with your Sponsor, reflect on your discussion by briefly answering questions 1 & 2. Please take the time to consider question 3, but you do not need to write anything.

1. What was one thing that you learned about your Sponsor during your meeting?
2. Write about one story or experience that your Sponsor shared that showed you that he/she is truly strengthened by the Holy Spirit through Confirmation to live a life of holiness.
3. Did you make a good choice of who you asked to serve as your Confirmation sponsor? If you are not sure if you did, pray about it, talk to your parents, Msgr. Scott, Chris Teague, Monica Shoemaker or your classroom teacher about your decision and where to go from here.