

Confirmation Candidate- Sponsor Shared Activities:

All Sponsors & Candidates must do the Step #1 activity on this list. Then the candidate & sponsor must select one of the 4 joint-activities listed below under step #2

Step #1 (Mandatory Activity)- Each sponsor is asked to write a letter to the Confirmation Candidate giving them some helpful advice or suggestions on choosing/staying on the "right path" as they enter the High School years. Please include some guidance on how God can be relied on in these often-difficult times. The letter should be given to the Confirmation Candidate by Christmas. After reading the letter, the candidate should make a small poster (1/2 of poster board) that is designed to reflect the advice that the sponsor provided in the letter. This should be done using words and artwork. The art may be drawn or pictures may be cut from magazines or books. Photocopies of the Letters may be submitted with the poster- but are not required. Be sure Candidate's name is on the poster, and that it is turned in by January 2.

Step # 2 After completing step #1- candidates and sponsors must then Choose 1 of the following and work on it together: Possible Choices:

- 1) Attend Sunday Mass together. After Mass, introduce your sponsor to the Priest that said Mass. Complete worksheet #1 (attached) together, and turn it into your teacher by January 31.
- 2) Participate in one community service activity together. Complete worksheet # 2 (attached) together, and turn it into your teacher by January 31.
(#3 & #4 are ideal for situations where Candidate & sponsor do not live near each other)
- 3) Visit www.sacredspace.ie - on 3 separate days. Follow the guided prayer selection for the date(s) that you visit. Both the Confirmation Candidate and the sponsor should complete worksheet #3 (attached) and either mail it to the address on the worksheet- or turn it into student's teacher by January 31.
- 4) Both the Confirmation Candidate and the Sponsor should make a personal pledge to focus on improving one area of their own life- that would be pleasing to God- and make a point of working hard at this for 2 weeks. The candidate and sponsor should correspond with one another during the 2 weeks (via e-mail, phone, or letters) to encourage one another to keep their commitment. Specific Personal goals may be kept private if that is desired- but each party can encourage one another and pray for the other to reach their goal. After the 2 week period - both the candidate and the sponsor should complete worksheet number # 4.

There is a corresponding Work-sheet that must be completed by the candidate and the sponsor for each of the 4 optional activities. Print out and submit only the one worksheet that corresponds to your shared activity. Worksheets follow:

Work sheet # 1 for Confirmation Candidate & Sponsor Activity:

Name of Confirmation Candidate _____

Name of Sponsor _____

The date we attended mass together _____

Church _____

Name of Priest that said Mass _____

Today's Gospel was about _____

Today's Homily made these points:

Date submitted to Religious Ed. _____

Work sheet # 2 for Confirmation Candidate & Sponsor Activity:

Community Service

Name of Confirmation Candidate _____

Name of Sponsor _____

The Community Service Activity we worked on was:

We performed this Service at _____
on _____ (date)

Candidate's thoughts/observations on this project:

Sponsor's thoughts/observations on this project:

If the two of you were to work on another community service project together or independently- would you do this type of service again, or choose something else?

Date submitted to Religious Ed. _____

Work sheet # 3 for Confirmation Candidate & Sponsor Activity:

(2 Page Document- complete & turn in BOTH!)

Sacred Space Experience - Sacred Space is website visited regularly by millions of Christians from around the world. It is produced and maintained by the Irish Jesuit Priests. (that is why the website address ends in ".ie")

- 1) Make a copy of both sides of this worksheet. One copy goes to Sponsor- 1 Copy goes to Confirmation Candidate.
- 2) Go to www.sacredspace.ie (this is done individually- the sponsors and candidates each visit the site separately, and fill out the sheet separately)
- 3) When Compete- Fill out all information on side two, and mail completed form back to: Parish of St. Stephen the First Martyr; 75 Sanfordville Rd., Warwick, NY 10990 Attn: Jane Kunzweiler- Religious Education Office

Choose the daily prayer for the day that you logged on. Go through the guided prayer/ reading. Visit the site on 3 separate dates. Fill out the worksheet below each time you visit.

Date of visits to www.sacredspace.ie :

Sacred Space Visit #1

Be sure to click on "need inspiration" or "prayer guide" at least once per visit

The message of "something to think about this week" was basically saying:

Reading of the day was the bible passage : _____(book/vs./ch)

Sacred Space Visit #2

Be sure to click on "need inspiration" or "prayer guide" at least once per visit

Reading of the day was the bible passage : _____(book/vs./ch)

What was the passage about? _____

(Go to next page to summarize 3hrd visit to site!)

Sacred Space Visit #3 or Candidates should go to www.catholicireland.net/talk2god/ for this visit and run through the quick guided tour. Sponsors may go back to Sacred Space or may visit this alternate site - which is for middle school age students- but could be enjoyed by adults also.

My Visit today was to this site: _____

Was there a Bible Passage reading? If so – which one? _____

What were you overall impressions of these websites? Do you think they are worthwhile? Do you have suggestions for these types of sites?

Name of Confirmation Candidate _____

Name of Sponsor _____

Parish of Sponsor _____

Date Submitted to Religious Ed. Office _____

Sponsors may give their form back to the Confirmation Candidate or may fax or mail it back to St. Stephen's directly. The fax number is 845-986-2231(mailing address is on front of this worksheet)

Thank you☺

Work Sheet # 4

Name of Confirmation Candidate _____

Name of Sponsor _____

For 2 weeks I have made a personal commitment to improve one area of my life that I know God would like me to improve. I did this at the same time that my Confirmation Sponsor/ the Confirmation Candidate I am sponsoring
(circle one) worked on their own goal.

During this time, I learned this about myself: _____

During this time, I learned this about the person that is : my sponsor/ or the person I am sponsoring: _____

In reaching any difficult goal, I believe that God can help me by: _____

Any time I do anything to grow as a person, improve my relationship with God and the people in my life- I know that I am trying to please God and live as He wants me to live. General things that might help all people to grow are listed below. On a 1-5 scale (1 being - already doing a good job- up to 5-meaning I really need to work on this) I am rating the areas according to how they presently are in my life:

Trying to show appreciation to my family for all of their love and support _____

Finding time for God in the busy noisy world _____

Being loyal to my friends _____

Avoiding habits I know are unhealthy _____

Trying to find activities that are helping me to grow as a person _____

Praying for myself, my family and friends _____

Finding time to do things that help the poor _____

Telling and showing my family that I love them _____

Kicking bad habits or setting goals to be more healthy _____

Taking a little spiritual time each week by checking out websites like www.sacredspace.ie _____

(Now cut this checklist out and post it next to your bed or somewhere you will see it- so it reminds you of things you can work on!) Cut on dotted line above & hand in top half of paper to Class by January 7)