

# ST. MONICA PARISH

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Dear Sponsor,

Let me ask you this age old question: "What is the meaning of life?" As Catholics we know the answer in our hearts, although we sometimes don't know how to answer it. Truthfully, our lives are given meaning by the life, death, resurrection and love of Jesus Christ.

As many of you probably already know, it is a tough age to be a teenager. Everyone is selling them something as "truth". Materialism, consumerism, self-image, sexual expression, individualism are but a handful of the predominant "truths" of our age. Of course none of them are truths, and therefore continue to keep our young people unsatisfied, distracted and often damaged. Our young people need to know that some things are absolute, unshakable, and unchangeable. What they really need to learn is our Lord Jesus Christ's love for them is just that.

As sponsors, we are asking you to be a proactive part in reflecting Christ's love for your candidate. We are asking you to be as involved in their Confirmation process as is possible. Consider some of the basic considerations necessary to be a sponsor below:

## CONFIRMATION SPONSOR ROLE

The sponsor represents the support and prayers of the entire Church. He or she will be candidate's "spiritual friend." In this process, the following is asked of the sponsor:

1. Attend Mass weekly and pray daily as a witness to the importance of cultivating a relationship with Jesus Christ
2. Sponsors are to attend one of the Confirmation Rehearsal dates with their candidate. If this is not possible, please contact the Parish office as soon as possible.
3. Sponsors are encouraged to attend the candidates Enrolment Mass found on the schedule
4. Part of the sponsor's role is to attend the Rite of Confirmation Mass and present their candidate.
5. Sponsors are encouraged to meet and talk about the Confirmation Class topics with their Candidate regularly throughout their preparation. This may mean spending extra time together.
6. Sponsors may also wish to share their faith story with their candidate.
7. Sponsors are asked to pray for and with your candidate.
8. Continue to be there for your candidate and lend spiritual support after the Confirmation Rite is concluded. [Suggestion: send a card or note every year on the anniversary of his or her confirmation].

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**CONFIRMATION SPONSORS PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO ST. MONICA PARISH**

St. Monica Parish, Toronto

Requirements for Roman Catholic Confirmation Sponsorship 2015/16 :

Please print legibly.

Sponsor's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor's Last Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's First Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate's Last Name : \_\_\_\_\_

## STATEMENT OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC SPONSOR:

I recognize that in accepting the role of a Roman Catholic Confirmation Sponsor, I become responsible to be a model and example to the Candidate as a committed and active Roman Catholic and to be a support to his/her parents in the practice of our mutual faith.

I attest that I am committed to my Roman Catholic faith; that I am baptized and confirmed in it; that I am not married outside the Roman Catholic Church or otherwise compromised in my own sacramental life; and that I meet my fundamental obligations as a Roman Catholic by participating in the Sunday Mass, by being open to the word of God as revealed in Scripture and taught by the Church, by witnessing to the values of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and by seeking to be a service to others for love of Him.

Sponsor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## STATEMENT OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST:

This will verify that the above-named Roman Catholic Sponsor is a registered member of this parish and is, to the best of my knowledge, initiated in the sacraments of the Church, is in good standing with the Church, is faithful in attending Sunday Mass and in the practice of the Roman Catholic Faith, and is able to accept the responsibility of sacramental sponsorship.

Name of Parish : \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
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