

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

Confirmation Sponsor Year 1

The sponsor plays an important role in Confirmation, they present the student to the Bishop assuring the candidate's sincerity and readiness for the sacrament, and they represent the entire community in welcoming the student into a deeper participatory-level of involvement in the church and community. **Sponsors assist in the Christian formation process; he/she provides ongoing encouragement and support for the student and should set times to meet with the candidate to discuss questions relative to their varied stages of growth, before and after the celebration of the Rite of Confirmation.**

Confirmation Sponsor Information:

- **Fulfill Confirmation Sponsor "Requirements," see "Confirmation Sponsor Application."**
- **Complete and sign the "Confirmation Sponsor Application,"** return to John Bruscia C/O of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 1441 W. Balboa Blvd., Newport Beach, CA 92661, or as e-mail attachment, jbruscia@olmc.net, or fax to John's attention, 949-673-3137. **Return to John Bruscia, Spring 2020.**
- **Be a "Practicing Catholic"** providing a positive example in sacramental participation and works of charity.
- **Assist in the preparation by engaging the candidate in thoughtful conversation regarding personal faith experience and its lived application.** Share your story; be a good listener!
- **Attend Mass together, find ways put faith to practice together through community service activities.**
- **Pray for the candidate.** Be a person the candidate can trust and confide in, someone who "journeys with them."
- **Participate in two meetings** with the candidate during the second year of preparation.
- **Participate in the "Rite of Confirmation."** Celebrations of the "Rite of Confirmation" normally take place at our 5 p.m. Mass at the end April after the second year of preparation.
- **Follow-up after the Rite;** provide continued support and assistance to the candidate. Challenge and encourage him/her to continued growth and participation in a life of faith, love, and service.