

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

Confirmation Sponsor Year 2

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 up 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's Participation:

- **Read, confirm 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, 949-673-3137, Attn: John B. **Return by Nov. 6, 2019.**
- **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 the "Confirmation Acceptance Ceremony,"** Sunday, November 3, 2019, 5 PM Mass; staying for dinner and meeting with candidate from 6-7:30 PM. If sponsor is not available this day, one of the candidate's parents will participate in the sponsors place.
- **Participate in the "Confirmation Election Ceremony,"** Sunday, March 1, 2020 during our 5 PM Mass; staying for dinner and meeting with candidate from 6-7:30 PM. If the sponsor is not available on this date, one of the candidate's parents will participate in the sponsors place.
- **Participate in the "Rite of Confirmation"**- The Confirmation Liturgy will take place near the end of April, 2019. **Proposed Dates: Sunday, April 26; Saturday, April 25, and Tuesday, April 28.** The date is assigned by the Bishops office in the fall. Students, with Sponsors, arrive two hours before for practice and procession. *If you are unable to participate in the "Rite of Confirmation," have the family contact John Bruscia to designate a proxy to stand in your place.*
- **Follow-up after the Rite;** provide continued support and assistance to the Confirmiti. Challenge and encourage them to continued growth and participation in a life of faith, love, and service.