



## LETTER TO SPONSOR

Dear Sponsor,

Congratulations! A child has asked you to be a sponsor for Confirmation and you have accepted.

Here at Holy Spirit our hopes are that each Confirmation candidate develops some awareness of personally accepting the decision made at Baptism to follow our Lord Jesus in the Christian community of the Catholic tradition.

Many years ago the Sponsor and Candidate shared a strong bond of faith as the newcomer sought to grow in the Christian life, and the Sponsor walked the path of growth and faith-deepening as a fellow pilgrim in the faith journey.

In order to help develop some sense of faith sharing in this process we would like you to take the time to give the child you are sponsoring the gift of your personal perspective by writing a brief letter and hand it to him/her after the ceremony.

As you can imagine the child who has chosen you as their sponsor will really miss a meaningful time at the ceremony if there is no letter for them to read. In writing to this special child, you might wish to consider the following ideas:

1. Fond memories of this child while growing up.
2. Special qualities you see in him/her.
3. Prayers or religious songs that have meaning to you.
4. People who have influenced your life.
5. Ways that being a Christian has helped you.
6. Memories of your own preparation for Confirmation.
7. What helps you to keep believing in God.
8. A promise to pray for this Child. Some of your hopes or dreams for him/her.

We hope that you like this idea and that, even if you find it challenging you will realise that this can be something very special for the child who has chosen you as their Sponsor.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) **Fr Michael Belonio, OSA**

*Parish Priest*

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