



# Candidate & Sponsor Discussion Guide

Here are some wonderful video resources for sponsors to watch before discussing these with your Candidates:

- ✓ **DUST** *Believing in God is important, but following God is something further:*  
<https://youtu.be/kM3qHBAekhg>
- ✓ **RUN** *The father and son together*  
<https://vimeo.com/279480836>
- ✓ **CAMPFIRE** *Picture what church can be - church is a sharing of our stories, struggles, hearts and lives - as vulnerable as an open flame:*  
<https://vimeo.com/85376091>

As you interact with your candidate, please model and encourage him/her to:

- ✓ Continue to develop a personal relationship with Jesus through prayer, Scripture, and faith sharing
- ✓ Participate fully and regularly in the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confession
- ✓ Continue to grow in knowledge of their faith and be able to articulate what they learn
- ✓ Discover and share their gifts with the parish and community  
(These are the **primary goals** of Junior High Youth Ministry)

## Setting Up Faith Sharing Opportunities:

If you are local and can meet in person, then you – the sponsor – should contact your candidate to schedule the day, time, and location of your time together. The discussion should last approximately 30 minutes, but – depending on your relationship – may last much longer. If you cannot meet in person with your candidate, then connect through phone calls or Skype.

## Use the Scripture on the next page to

- ★listen for God speaking to you, guiding you, directing & encouraging you
- ★discuss the Scriptures and what it may mean for your life
- ★use the Scripture as a springboard to pray out loud with each other

Any questions may be directed to the Director Of Junior High Youth Ministry  
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## What Does God's Word Say to Us?

**Both Candidates  
AND Sponsors  
are to answer  
these questions!**

### **Matthew 22:34-40 - What is the greatest commandment?**

- What are some ways you show God love?
- What if we just loved God with some of our heart, and some of our strength?
- What are daily/weekly things you do to serve others?

### **Jeremiah 29:11-13 - Does God have a plan for me?**

- Share about a time when you felt God was really LISTENING to you. Did you ever feel that God was NOT listening to you?
- What does God say we MUST do in order to FIND HIM?

### **1 Peter 4:8-11 & 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 - How are we called to love others?**

- What word or phrase sticks out to you in these passages?
- What is the most challenging command in these passages?

### **1 Corinthians 10:13 - What about temptation?**

- How can God help you when you feel tempted?

### **Philippians 4:4-9 - When life gets stressful!**

- What word or phrase sticks out to you in this passage?
- When was a stressful time in your life that you turned to God? What happened?

## Discussing Confirmation:

- \* If someone who had never heard of Confirmation before asked you what it is, what would you tell them?
- \* What will the Sacrament of Confirmation bring to you? (What do you get?)
- \* What does God want you to do after Confirmation?
- \* Why are you getting confirmed? What are your reasons for desiring this Sacrament of grace?

## Growing in a Friendship with Jesus

- \* If you could spend 1 hour face to face with Jesus, what would you want to ask Him? What would you do and what would you talk about?
- \* When did you start to see Jesus as a friend?
- \* How does having a relationship with God help you, or how has it changed you?
- \* What can you do before Confirmation to connect with God more?
- \* What does it mean for you to be a disciple of Jesus and follow Him?
- \* How are you doing at trusting and including Jesus with different parts of your life?
- \* How have you been connecting to God lately (through prayer, and/or Scripture, and/or Mass)?
  - ➔ What is your favorite form of prayer?
  - ➔ What challenges or distractions make prayer difficult?
  - ➔ Read what Jesus tells us about prayer in Matthew 6:5-15.
  - ➔ What prayer goals do you have to connect with God more?

*Prayer is a conversation with God;  
it includes both talking and listening!*