



# St. Jude's Junior High Youth Ministry Confirmation Sponsor Guide

**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 his/her 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 in this packet 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

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## What Does God's Word Say to Us?

### 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?

### I Peter 4:8-11 & I 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?

### I Corinthians 10:13 What about temptation?

- What are some things that tempt you?
- 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?)
- \* Why are you getting confirmed? What are your reasons for desiring this Sacrament of grace?
- \* What does God want you to do after Confirmation?

## Growing in a Friendship with Jesus

- \* If you could spend one 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!*

**Both Candidates  
AND Sponsors  
can answer  
these questions!**

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# 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit

*"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created and You shall renew the face of the earth."*

**Knowledge:** This gift will help me know what God's will is for my life. I will begin to see what is of God and what is not.

**To know God's will**

## How will Knowledge help me?

*Knowledge will help me to "know more about" God and to figure out what His will is. It will help me know what to do in a difficult situation. I will begin to see how God is with me all the time and has a great plan for me!*

## Understanding:

**To APPRECIATE the truths of my faith** Understanding helps me to begin to comprehend the deep meaning of supernatural truths such as the Mass, Eucharist, and the Sacraments. Understanding helps me to appreciate, love and live my faith.

## How will Understanding help me?

*I will begin to understand difficult things like the Mass, Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist, and the Sacraments. Understanding will help me to draw closer to God because I will begin to truly believe in God's love for me.*

**Wisdom:** Wisdom helps me to understand things from God's point of view. Wisdom gives us power to apply our knowledge of God's will in our daily situations and struggles.

**To see myself, others & the world with GOD'S EYES**

## How will Wisdom help me?

*I will start to see things from God's point of view. I will use prayer to influence my daily choices. Wisdom will draw me into a closer relationship with God.*



**Counsel:** When asked, the Holy Spirit will direct, guide, and counsel us on the right thing to do in every circumstance.

**How will Counsel help me?**

**To CHOOSE what is right & just**

When I do not know what to do, I can ask for this gift of Counsel so I can make the decision God would want me to make. It will help me to know what would Jesus do (WWJD).

**Courage:** This gift brings the tremendous strength and bravery from the Holy Spirit Himself so that I will be able to do what God is asking me to do.

**How will Courage help me?**

**To DO what is right, even when it's hard**

When I hit obstacles in life, courage or "fortitude" can give me tremendous "Holy Spirit strength," which is so far beyond human strength. Fortitude will help me to stand up for what I believe in and not cave in to peer-pressure.

**Piety:** This gift will make my relationship with God become stronger and help me grow in holiness. As I begin to trust God more, my relationship with Him will grow into a close friendship.

**To STRIVE for holiness & closeness with God**

**How will Piety help me?**

Piety will help me to trust God more. It will help me have a better friendship with Him. Piety will help me to see other people as my brothers and sisters in God's family. This will help me to be willing to sacrifice for others and to pray for them.

**Wonder & Awe of God:** This gift is a deep appreciation of God's might over sin and love of us. We gain dissatisfaction with sin because we love God so much that we never want to do anything to hurt or displease Him.

Wonder & Awe of God or "Fear of the Lord" is not being afraid of God; it is a fear of sin.

**To RESPECT reverently the AWESOMENESS of God**

**How will Wonder & Awe help me?**

When I'm in a tough position at school or at home, if my desire to please God is the strongest influence in my life, then I will choose the kind and loving way. This gift will help me to stay on the pathway to heaven.

