**Confirmation Sponsor Meeting**

If your sponsor is outside of the local area, please CALL them and talk over these questions. Only write out the answers if the question asks you to write it on this paper (Discussion does not mean writing unless you are asked to write your answer).

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor Parish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. First, ***pray*** a decade of the Rosary together. Pick whichever decade you would like to pray with him/her. Offer your intentions especially for your own preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation.

2. ***Discuss*** with one another one moment of blessing from the week and one moment of suffering or frustration this week that happened to you.

3. Together ***discuss*** recent happenings. Share about how things have been going for you.

* How has your time been offered this past month? (Feel free to share about school, work, sports, recent books read, homework, social media, family, traveling, dance, college search, etc)?
* Do you feel fulfilled? If not, would you change anything going on in your life right now to make it more fulfilling?

4. ***Discuss*** and then ***write*** how you like to pray. ***Discuss*** when you usually pray and why you enjoy praying like that.

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| **Confirmand’s Favorite Way to Pray** | **Sponsor’s Favorite Way to Pray** |
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5. ***Discuss*** and then ***write***: If you could focus on one area of your life in this next month that you hope to improve, what would it be? (examples: improving a friendship, giving people more time, using technology wiser, improving faith life, decreasing the chaos of life, shifting your focus from something onto something else)

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6. ***Discuss*** and then ***write*** HOW specifically you are going to achieve that goal (listed in #5). For example, if you picked you want to improve a friendship with someone, how are you going to do that? Write the “how” in the boxes that follow.

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7. Each of the confirmands had to choose an encounter that a person had with Christ in the Gospels. ***Read*** the story OUT LOUD with your sponsor. ***Discuss*** the encounter that you picked in class (the day we wrote them on the large posterboard). Then, answer the following questions together by ***writing*** the answers.

* Name a characteristic (before or after the encounter) that the person who met Christ has in common with you.

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* ***Write*** if you have ever had an encounter with Christ like this one that you just read about. If so, what was it?

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* ***Write*** what makes it difficult in each of your lives to continually see and encounter Christ regularly?

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8. Together, ***read*** paragraph #14-18 (p. 10-13 in *The Sacrament of Confirmation* booklet). ***Write*** which of the seven gifts are you most in need of right now? ***Write*** one example of how that gift can be seen in your daily life (be practical and give one specific example).

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9. ***Write*** one problem you see with the world today and then ***write*** how you can personally, as a faithful member of the Church reach out to respond to that need.

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10. ***Discuss*** which name you have chosen as your confirmation name (if you have chosen one). As a sponsor, do you remember which name you chose for your confirmation saint and do you remember why? Confirmand, which saint have you chosen or are you thinking of choosing? Why are you deciding to go with that saint?

11. ***Discuss*** one way in which each of you could pray for one another. Exchange one intention that each of you can take away and pray for the other.

12. Together, ***discuss*** and then ***write***: From what you know about Confirmation, why is Confirmation a sacrament (in other words, why is it really important)?

13. ***Read*** the following together:

“I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since “no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord”. The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms. Now is the time to say to Jesus: “Lord, I have let myself be deceived; in a thousand ways I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. I need you.”

- Pope Francis in his Apostolic Exhortation, the “Joy of the Gospel”

**Now live it!**