

1 October 2015

Dear Confirmation Sponsors,

The role of a Confirmation sponsor is very important and does not end once the ceremony is over. The sponsor is to be a role model of faith and a mentor in the Christian life to the candidate. This requires the sharing of experiences as you journey with your candidate in the formation process toward Confirmation.

In order to help develop a sense of faith sharing in this time of preparation, you are asked to write a letter to your candidate sharing the experiences of your own faith journey. The letter is to be addressed to your candidate, but sent to the Parish Office at least one week prior to the rehearsal. Your letter will be presented to the candidate and read privately by him/ her at the conclusion of the rehearsal.

The letter may be brief, but should be from your heart. It is meant to be a keepsake of his/ her Confirmation. To assist you in preparing your letter, you may wish to touch upon some or all of the following points:

- fond memories of your candidate as a child
- special qualities you see in him/ her
- prayers or religious songs that have meaning for you
- people who have influenced you in living the Christian life
- ways that being a Christian has helped you in life
- memories of your own Confirmation and preparation for this Sacrament
- what helps you to keep believing in God
- some of your hopes or dreams for him/ her
- a promise to pray for your candidate throughout his/ her life

Please return letter to the Parish Office before Thursday, 31 March 2016. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at your convenience at the Parish Office or by email.

Sincerely,

Rev. Victor De Gagné
Pastor

"the tree planted in 1732 still grows"