

Confirmation 2027: Sponsor and Candidate Conversation Questions

To the Confirmation Sponsor: Thank you for your role as a Confirmation sponsor. The role of sponsor is one of companionship and not perfection. The following conversation starters/questions will help you share your own faith story with the candidate, while allowing the candidate to ask questions and listen. Good sponsorship is based on your willingness to share your experiences of being Catholic with the candidate and to explain how you continue to grow in your relationship with God.

To the Confirmation Candidates: You have chosen your Sponsor to accompany you on your faith journey to Confirmation. As part of that journey, you are asked to have some sincere conversations with your Sponsor about your shared faith. Use the following questions as conversation starters with your Sponsor. When we meet in person at Faith Nights and at Retreat, we will share the following conversations in small groups. We hope that these conversations will lead to an open discussion on how to live a life of faith. Allow at least thirty minutes of discussion time for each set of questions. During these conversations, candidates should listen first and then form written responses.

Remember, *the sponsor is the one providing the answers* to these questions. This is almost like an interview but should include sharing questions and answers from both of you. Think of this as a conversational interview between the candidate and the sponsor. Candidates should be learning about their sponsor, while thinking about how they would answer if they were asked the same questions.

Sponsor & Candidate Conversation Questions #1, due on November 15, 2026

- How did you become Catholic? Were you baptized as an infant, or did you complete an RCIA/OCIA program?
- What is your first memory of Mass?
- In what ways do you feel celebrating the Eucharist every week strengthens you to live as a Catholic? Did you ever have a time when you did not like going to Mass? Do you like going to Mass now? How have your thoughts about Mass changed over the years?
- How do you define the word “holy”? Who would you call “holy” in your life? What challenges do you face when you are trying to live a life of holiness?

Sponsor & Candidate Conversation Questions #2, due on January 30, 2027

- How do you pray? Do you have a favorite place or a favorite time to pray? Do you ever find it difficult to pray?
- Have you ever had a time in your life when you struggled to believe in God? How did you keep your faith in the end?
- Explain the people and events in your life that have been significant in the deepening of your faith.

Sponsor & Candidate Conversation Questions #3, due on February 21, 2027

- What are your thoughts and feelings about sin, forgiveness and the Sacrament of Reconciliation? What do you do when you find it difficult to forgive someone who has hurt you? What does forgiveness mean to you?
- How are you involved in your church? Do you have special gifts and talents you use to serve others?
- If you could ask God one question, what would it be?