

YEAR 2: Candidate & Sponsor Assignment #1

SPONSOR'S RESPONSES

(Due by October 22, 2026)

Sponsor's Name (First & Last): _____

Candidate's Name (First & Last): _____

Discussion

Sponsor & Candidate please discuss the following questions together.

Sponsor: Share with your Candidate and then write below how you overcome the challenges of living a Christian life in a culture that doesn't seem to reflect Christian values.

Sponsor: Share with your Candidate and then write below ways our culture / society might make it difficult for you to live out your faith? How do you overcome those challenges.

Review/Reflection

Sponsor & Candidate please spend time reflecting on and discussing the Candidate's progress on their preparation requirements and areas in your spiritual lives that you would like to work on. Share with each other where you feel you need to strengthen your faith life and how you can work on this individually and together.

Sponsor & Candidate: Sponsors', please discuss the importance of the following obligations we have as Catholic Christians and the specific requirements your Candidate has for Confirmation Preparation. How is your Candidate doing fulfilling these and how can you help them? If either of you have questions or concerns about any of these, please use the space provided below to submit them to the Confirmation Coordinator:

- Is your Candidate attending Sunday Mass (or Vigil Mass) regularly?
- Is your Candidate participating in the regular reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation?
- Is your Candidate's completed (*original copy*) Sponsor Form turned in? (No digital copies are allowed)
- Is your Candidate completing class assignments? (*ONE EIGHT Assignments [CFF students] or Religion Class Assignments [SEAS students]*)
- Is your Candidate completing your Christian Service Hours? (*20 Christian Service Hours need to be completed in Year 1*)
- Is your Candidate attending GROVE nights/events? (*9 GROVE credits need to be completed in Year 1*)

Do you have any Questions/Concerns about your obligations and Confirmation Preparation requirements?

Does your Candidate know these prayers? "The Lord's Prayer", "Hail Mary", and "Glory Be"

(if not, please practice these with your Candidate)

Sponsor: Set 1 NEW goal for your prayer life or Mass participation that you will follow through with for the next 4-6 weeks

Action

1. Sponsor & Candidate please complete the **Learn Something** activity together.
2. THEN, Sponsor & Candidate please select at least one activity from the **Do Something** section.
 - a. *If you don't live close to each other, we've accounted for this in the instructions and provided you with an alternate method to do the activities in separate locations.*

Learn Something: Sponsor & Candidate please complete the **Learn Something** activity below.

- ☐ Read & Discuss the “Community Service: How You Can Act on Catholic Social Teaching Every Day” article by Casie Dodd that is linked on the [Sponsor's Page](#) of the parish website.

SPONSOR, write YOUR responses to the questions below...

1. **The article contrasts “seasonal volunteering” with ongoing service.** Why do you think it can be tempting to serve only at certain times of the year, and how does the Church call us to live a year-round commitment to works of mercy?

2. **Pope Francis spoke about “small daily acts of solidarity” and forming a new mindset.** What might these small acts look like in your everyday life as a student, worker, or family member, and how can they help shape you as a mature Catholic after Confirmation?

3. **The author shares experiences of both authentic service and service that became self-focused.** How can we examine our intentions when serving others, and what helps keep Christ — rather than recognition or convenience — at the center of our actions?

4. **The article highlights the role of family and mentors (like the author's grandmother) in forming a habit of service.** Who has modeled Christian service for you, and how has their example influenced your understanding of what it means to live your faith?

Do Something: for this assignment select at least one of the **Do Something** activities below to do together.

Please choose a different option than what you chose for Assignment #1 unless you plan to do all three.

- ☐ **Do something FUN together:** You will complete the Response Questions provided at the end.
Nothing makes a relationship stronger than doing something fun together so that you can laugh and just be yourselves. This can be absolutely any fun activity that you and your Candidate want to do together.

- ☐ **Go to Mass together:** You will complete the Response Questions provided at the end.
This can either be done together in-person or if you live in different areas and can't meet in person, pick the same day to go to Mass so that you can discuss the same Gospel and your respective homilies afterward.

- ☐ **Serve together (volunteer service):** You will complete the Response Questions provided at the end.
This can either be done together in-person or if you live in different areas and can't physically get together, pick the same organization or similar service activity to do separately (maybe on the same day or week) and discuss your experiences afterward.

Response Questions:

If you are **NOT** completing this assignment together **IN-PERSON**, the Sponsor will submit their responses on the Online Sponsor's Google Form link (parish website).

Please choose a different option than what you chose for Assignment #1 unless you plan to do all three.

Do Something: The Sponsor should write a brief response to the questions for the **Do Something** activity you and your Candidate chose to do together. **SPONSOR, write YOUR responses to the questions below...**

☐ **We chose to do something FUN together:**

What did you do together? _____

Sponsor: Share a highlight of the activity or what made this fun activity with your Candidate memorable for you: _____

Sponsor: What did you learn about your Candidate during this fun activity? _____

☐ **We chose to go to Mass together:**

Mass attended on: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Where did you attend Mass (Parish & Town): _____

Did you attend Mass together in-person with your Sponsor? **YES or NO**

If you answered, "NO", what parish/town did your Sponsor attend Mass? _____

What was the Gospel Reading (Example: Matthew 2:1-12)? _____

Sponsor: What was something you learned from the Gospel and homily? _____

☐ **We chose to serve together (volunteer service):**

What volunteer service did you do? _____

What non-profit organization or church ministry did you perform this volunteer service? _____

Was this service performed in-person with your Sponsor? **YES or NO**

If you answered, "NO", where did your Sponsor perform their volunteer service? _____

Sponsor: What is God teaching you through this volunteer experience and how does this experience relate to your faith? _____

Sponsor: What was the most meaningful part of this experience for you in addition to doing this service with your Candidate? _____

Acknowledgment of Completion:

By signing below, I verify that I have completed this assignment together **WITH** my Candidate and I am providing my responses based on our shared discussions.

Sponsor's Signature: _____

SPONSORS: You will either...

1. Complete, sign and submit this Response Form and give it to your Candidate to turn in with their responses.
OR
2. If you do not live close to your Candidate and are doing this assignment with them remotely (via Zoom or FaceTime), then you will complete the **Online Sponsor Responses Link** on the Sponsor's page of our parish website.