

Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Confirmation Prep

## Candidate and Sponsor “Chat Time”

The task of the Confirmation Sponsor is to be a strong role model of a good, practicing Catholic Christian; the Sponsor is meant to be an example of faith and a personal spiritual guide for the candidate, a person with whom the candidate can reflect on his/her journey toward Confirmation.

Sponsors already have a strong relationship with their candidates as either a family member or friend. We are asking Sponsors and Candidates to participate in these “Chat Times” activities as a way of developing an even stronger spiritual relationship. We ask the Sponsor and Candidate to do this by getting together for a “chat time” at least twice during the year. A report on the first “chat” is due in the Religious Education Office no later than December 5, 2016; the second is due by April 24, 2017.

The way this should work is:

1. The Sponsor and Candidate schedule a time to get together and chat. This should take place face to face, but could take place over the phone if necessary.
2. The Sponsor and Candidate then interview each other, asking the questions that are listed below. Please be sure to have a good discussion; this should take about 30 minutes. The Candidate should write down the Sponsor’s answers and the Sponsor should write down the Candidate’s answers. These written answers along with the Candidate’s name should then be turned in to the Religious Education Office. Please note – both the Candidate’s and the Sponsor’s answer must be legible; if the answers are not legible, we will have to ask the candidate to type both sets of answers.
3. If you have questions, please call the Religious Education Office.

### **Chat #1 (due December 5, 2016)**

1. (Sponsor asks) Why do you think I am a good role model of a practicing Catholic Christian? How can I help you practice your faith better?
2. (Candidate asks) How do you think I could be a better follower of Jesus? How would you like to help me live my faith better?
3. (Both ask) Describe yourself the way you think God sees you. Is this the same or different than the way you see yourself? How?
4. (Both ask) What is the best part of your relationship with God?
5. (Both ask) What is the hardest part of your relationship with God?
6. (Both ask) How do you think God would like you to change?
7. (Both ask) What about you do you think that God would not want to change?
8. (Both ask) Over the next month, how can we grow even closer in the spiritual part of our relationship? How can we become better followers of Jesus together?

### **Chat #2 (due April 24, 2016)**

Please read Matthew 14:13-21 The Feeding of the Five Thousand

1. (Both ask) What did you learn about Jesus in this story?
2. (Both ask) In this story, the crowds followed Jesus for a long time. What do you think they were looking for? When you follow Jesus, what are you looking for?
3. (Both ask) In this story, Jesus takes care of His people. Who are some people that you “take care of” in your life? How do you care for them?
4. (Both ask) Who are some people you should “take care of” better? How?
5. (Both ask) In this story, Jesus takes care of His people. Who are some people who “take care of” you? How do they do that? Do you realize that they are representing Jesus in your life? Are you grateful? Do you show it?
6. (Both ask) Do you think that it is a sin when we don’t “take care of” others in need? Why or why not?
7. (Both ask) Over the next month, how can we grow even closer in the spiritual part of our relationship? How can we help Jesus “take care of” others better together?