

## Practical Ways to be a Sponsor

To a Catechumen or Candidate

- Be **actively involved** in the faith life of the person you are sponsoring. They will appreciate your interest and concern for their progress. Ask them what they are discussing during their formation classes. **Meet** with **them** at least **once per month**.
- **Share your faith**. Sharing your faith is a key component to being a successful sponsor. Be willing to have discussions about faith issues and moral values. Talk about current events and trends as to open doors to discussions that can lead to greater conversion. Sponsors are asked to be a model of how a person of faith lives in today's world.
- **Expose** your Candidate **to Catholic culture** and invite them to church experiences in which you already engage. Share your favorite Catholic practices and devotions.
- **Encourage** your Candidate or Catechumen to grow in Christian service. Invite them experience serving with you in and outside the church.
- **Pray** for your Candidate or Catechumen often, and talk to them about praying. Prayer is our relationship with God – help them establish a regular pattern of prayer.
- **Expose them to** the lives of the **saints** and help them aspire to live a life of holiness. Encourage them as they choose a saint name. Talk to them about your patron saint, and other saints whose stories have touched your heart.