



# Sacred Heart of Jesus

## Catholic Church

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."  
— 1 Peter 4:10

### Volunteer Sponsor Guidelines

#### *Specific Gifts Needed:*

- \* Fully initiated and active registered parishioner of Sacred Heart Parish, in good standing
- \* Love for Christ and his Church
- \* Faithful to the Church's teaching
- \* Evidence of a lived faith in one's personal life
- \* Mature Christian understanding of the meaning of "servant" and "service"
- \* Punctual and flexible
- \* Good communication and listening skills
- \* Openness to new relationships
- \* Prudent and able to keep confidentiality

#### *Specific Duties/Responsibilities:*

- \* Commit to daily prayer for the person you are serving
- \* Become familiar with the stages of the RCIA process (training provided)
- \* Attend weekly RCIA sessions & relevant liturgical rites
- \* Maintain personal contact as needed between gatherings
- \* Attend RCIA retreat on Saturday one week prior to the Holy Saturday Vigil
- \* Assist pastor and RCIA leader with discernment of a participant's readiness
- \* Offer spiritual support throughout the process to the person you are serving
- \* Model holiness, sacrament living, Christian charity, and prayer
- \* Work to draw the person into the life of the parish
- \* Answer doctrinal questions as you can; direct the person to catechist as needed
- \* Explain as you can liturgical and devotional practices; direct the person to catechist as needed
- \* Gently help the person deal with life situations (family problems, need to forgive, etc.) in a Christian way
- \* Obtain a faithful intercessor who will agree to pray regularly for your work as a sponsor
- \* Strive to love the person as Jesus would