

## SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES

### What does it mean to be a sponsor?

To be a Sponsor means that you will *serve* your candidate as a mentor, model, guide, witness and friend. Your challenge as a sponsor is to continually deepen your own faith and understanding of the vision of DeColores and put into practice all that you believe so that your daily life will be an inspiration to your candidate. Encourage your candidate and support them before, during, and after the Weekend.

### Before the Weekend:

- Pray for the candidate and their family.
- Explain to candidates the need for medical/medication information on the registration.**
  - **To help the team assist them with any special needs while on the weekend**
  - **To ensure that they get medications at the appropriate time if they have to take medications at specified intervals (remember, they don't have watches)**
- Complete registration form and send to registrar with registration fee.
- Make sure that candidate is confirmed.
- Discreetly inform the immediate family and friends about writing Palanca letters and notes of encouragement.
- Stress the importance to the family of attending Friday's Holy Hour at 7:00 p.m. and the Sunday worship service (and family visiting time). Offer to pick them up.
- Help fill the needs of the candidate's family or pets while they are away.
  - Make arrangements for pet care, offer to help family with meals, transportation or babysitting while the candidate is away.
- Prepare Palanca for each day. Send personal notes and small gifts.
- Prepare general Palanca for the candidates and team – notes of encouragement.

### During the Weekend:

- Pray for the candidate and family
- Make arrangements and pick up candidate to deliver to weekend on time – stay for a short time until they are settled in.
- Attend Sponsor's Chapel at 8:00 pm on Thursday evening in the host church's chapel or sanctuary.
- Attend Holy Hour and the Sunday church service if possible.
- Attend closing ceremony at 4:00 pm Sunday\*.
- Offer to take candidate to dinner after closing to talk about their weekend experience. They will be tired and homesick so if they agree to dinner, keep it short.
- Transport your candidate to their home and family.

### After the Weekend:

- Pray for the candidate and family.
- Call on Monday to see how their 4<sup>th</sup> day is going.
- Schedule some 4<sup>th</sup> day follow up time together.
- Tell candidate about reunion groups and offer to help them find or start one.
- Bring candidate to the next Ultreya; invite the family to join you too.
- Encourage your new Crusista to attend a 4<sup>th</sup> Day Workshop – offer to go with them.
- Continue to encourage your Crusista by sharing how the Word is working in your life. Express how you are putting **piety, study and action** to work in your daily life. Commit to 3 months of follow-up with your Crusista.

**DeColores works wonderfully because it is not a religion; it's about relationships. DeColores!**

\* Only DeColores and similar adult 3-day weekend graduates are invited to the Serenade and Closing. Spouses who haven't attended a weekend, and children, will be asked to leave the ceremonies.