

# **Sponsor Duties and Responsibilities Checklist:**

## 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.

- **I will commit to at least 3 months of follow ups with this candidate.**
- Have I completed the registration process?
- Have I received a confirmation letter for the upcoming weekend?
- I will discretely inform the immediate family and friends about writing Palanca letters and notes of encouragement. I'll make sure they get delivered.
- **I will express the importance to the family of attending Friday's Holy Hour at 7:00 pm.**
- I will transport family to and from the Holy Hour.
- I will commit to serving the family left behind at home. I can offer to help with meals, transportation, or baby sitting, and stand in the gap.
- I will see to the needs of my candidate's family or pets while they are away.
- **I have been praying for and will continue to pray for this candidate.**
- **I will make arrangements to pick up and deliver my candidate to the Weekend on time.**
- I will stay for a short visit to be assured that they are settled in.
- **I will attend Sponsor's Chapel at 8:00 pm Thursday evening in the church's chapel/sanctuary.**
- *\*I will remember to bring \$5.00 to pay for the Sponsor's Candle that will burn throughout the Weekend.*
- **I will prepare Palanca for each day. Send personal notes and gifts.**
- As well as General Palanca – send notes of encouragement for all 65 people in attendance.
- **As a sponsor I will encourage family participation at Sunday's Church service and visiting time.**  
*Invite them to ride along with me.*
- **I will make arrangements to attend Sunday's Serenade (about 4:00) and Closing Ceremonies.**  
*\* Remember, only DeColores or similar adult 3-day weekend graduates are invited to the Serenade and Closing. Children and spouses who haven't attended a weekend will be asked to leave.*
- DeColores Weekends are 72 hour events; don't expect to be excused before 6:00 pm.
- After graduation and closing, your candidate may be hungry! (Surprising isn't it?)
- It will be my pleasure to return this new Crucista to their home and family.
- I will plan to stop for dinner on our way home and find out what they thought about their DeColores experience. They may be a bit homesick, so keep it short.
- **I will call them Monday morning and see how their "4<sup>th</sup> Day" is going.**
- Have I discussed the concept of accountability and reunion groups? Would they fit into my reunion group? How can I help them find one or start a new one?
- Schedule some 4<sup>th</sup> Day follow up time together.
- **Bring them to the next Ultreya (last Monday of the month);** invite their family to join you too.
- **We will attend a 4<sup>th</sup> Day Workshop together** (Offered once a year, usually in October).
- Encourage your new Crucista by witnessing to them and share how the Word is working in your life. Express how you are putting **Piety, Study and Action** to work in your daily life.

**DeColores works wonderfully because it is not a Religion; it's about Relationships! DeColores!**