

Northern Michigan DeColores Ministries
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.

Before the weekend:

- I will help my candidate complete the registration process. (Have I received a confirmation letter?).
- ***I will pay \$15.00 (\$16 online). This is for the registration fee and Candidate Candle for the Weekend..***
- 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. (Or make arrangements for them to have a ride).
- I will discretely inform the immediate family and friends about writing Palanca letters and notes of encouragement. I'll make sure they get delivered. (There are 5 Palanca "drops" on the Weekend).
- I will prepare Palanca for each day. I will send personal notes and gifts.
- I will also prepare and send General Palanca –notes of encouragement for all 45-55 people in attendance.
- I have been praying for and will continue to pray for this candidate.

During the Weekend

- I will make arrangements to pick up and deliver my candidate to the Weekend on time(7:00 – 8:00 p.m.).
- 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 see to the needs of my candidate's family or pets while they are away.
- I will commit to serving the family left behind at home.
- I can offer to help with meals, transportation, or child care, and stand in the gap.
- I will encourage family attendance at Sunday's Church service and visiting time.
- I will invite them to ride along with me or make arrangements for them to have a ride.
- I will make attend Sunday's Serenade (about 4:00) and Closing Ceremonies. **Please remember, only DeColores or similar adult 3-day weekend graduates are invited to Serenade and Closing. Children and spouses who haven't attended a weekend will be asked to leave.**

After the Weekend

- I will commit to at least 3 months of follow ups with this candidate.
- 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 I will keep it short.
- I will call them Monday morning and see how their "4th Day" is going.
- I will schedule some 4th Day follow up time together.
- I will bring them to the next Ultreya (last Sunday of the month); and invite their family to join us too.
- We will attend a 4th Day Workshop together (usually offered once a year in the Fall).
- I will encourage the new Crucista by witnessing to them and share how the Word is working in my life.
- I will express how I am putting Piety, Study and Action to work in my daily life.
- I will discuss 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?

DeColores Weekends are 72 hour events; please don't expect to be excused before 6:00 pm.

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

DeColores!