

## SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITY GUIDELINES

### **AS A CEC SPONSOR:**

***I am an active member*** in the CEC community (suggest at least 4-6 months) living the message of Christ through grouping, attending Avantis, or other CEC events.

***I will explain the purpose of the CEC experience*** and the ways to stay involved after the CEC weekend to the participant before inviting them to the weekend. I will inform them about living the life of a CEC community member after the weekend with Grouping, Avanti, serving on a weekend and going to CEC events.

***I am willing to sponsor both husband and wife, if married.*** Talk to both and encourage each to attend a CEC weekend as it is important to support the marriage sacrament and this common faith experience. Invite and register both spouses to attend the same set of weekends, or preferably within one year of one another. If both spouses do not or cannot register to attend a weekend, contact the Registrar and/or the Spiritual Director of CEC to request an exception.

***I am also willing to follow through with my participant*** by ensuring their confirmation email has been returned to the registrar as soon as possible, to reserve a space before the weekend is full.

***I am willing to make sure the participant(s) can meet the physical demands*** of the weekend and I will provide any appropriate information concerning unusual health, dietary, and/or physical needs. ***I am willing to help with any left-behind responsibilities*** while my participant is on the weekend.

***I will pray before, during and after the weekend*** for my participant(s). ***I will write "kindling"*** and will provide or arrange transportation for my participant to and from the weekend.

***I will attend the CEC Closing on Sunday evening.***

***I am willing to keep in close contact*** with my participant(s) after the weekend, invite them to Avanti(s) or other CEC events as scheduled; help them get started in a Group; and check in to see how things are going in their life.

***I am willing to have a co-sponsor*** if I am on the team, to help me fulfill all the above responsibilities.

***If I have any concerns with my participant's readiness,*** I will speak with the President of the Omaha Area Leadership Council (OALC) or the Spiritual Director of CEC.

***Know your participant well and whether they will have time for Christ:***

***A participant should be mature, stable in their walk of life*** and free from the burden of a recent loss like a death in the family or a divorce. Free from severe problems like an addiction to alcohol or drugs, or a terminal illness in their own life or of a family member.

***Participants are recommended to be 24 years of age*** (speak with Spiritual Director of CEC, if younger).

***If a baptized Catholic, a participant(s) should be practicing their faith*** & be in a valid marriage, if married. If not Catholic, they must be at least willing to grow in a relationship with God. Inform non-Catholic(s) that the weekend is Catholic in its content, direction, & prayer services, but people of other faiths are welcome to join in & take part in everything except our Communion Services.