

GREAT BANQUET

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Sponsor's Responsibilities

Here are a few suggestions for recruitment that should increase your effectiveness, help you properly interpret the Great Banquet, and effectualize your responsibility in sharing God's Grace as a Sponsor. The responsibility of the growth of a new Banquet guest rests squarely on the shoulders of you, the sponsor. Follow these steps to be a better sponsor.

1. Select a guest who wishes to strengthen their spiritual life: who wants to have a better understanding of prayer, the sacraments, study, and Christian action; who strives to live a Christian life that bears fruit for God; or who seeks to know Jesus as Lord and Savior and to make Him known.
2. Be intentional about talking to the prospective guest about the Banquet. Take time to explain all about the Banquet. Answer all their questions. If the person is married, talk to both husband and wife, and get their equal commitment. Tell the story of the Great Banquet by letting them know what happened to you at your Banquet/Cursillo/Emmaus. Tell them how meaningful the talks, chapel visits, or worship services were. We ask that you do not share about Agape acts and the Candlelight service.
3. Explain to them the follow-up meeting to be held the following Tuesday evening after the Banquets, about group reunions, and the Gatherings. The upcoming dates are always given during Candlelight services, Closings and posted in the newsletter and email prayer chain.
4. You are responsible for agape letters for your guest. Ask your guest's spouse to write an agape letter, and you are also responsible for asking all others for such letters. Family letters should have a "F" in the upper right-hand corner so they can be opened first.
SPECIAL NOTE: gifts are not accepted for guests or team members during the Banquet Weekends. Gifts are better given before or after the actual Banquet.
5. When you get a letter stating that your guest has been accepted, contact your guest and with joy encourage them to contact either myself or the church with their intention of attending the weekend. They can either call the church @ 419-636-4208, myself @ 419-636-9214, or send an email to esystems@saa.net. If for any reason your guest can not attend, please let me know asap. If we have a waiting list, this will allow for others on this list to be invited.
6. Keep in touch with your guest and answer any questions they might have up until you bring them to the Send-off. Registration begins at 7:00 pm on Thursday evening. If for any reasons you and your guest will be late, or they have decided to not attend, please call the church immediately at 419-636-4208.
7. Make plans to bring your guest to Send-off and plan to stay for Sponsor's Hour which is held immediately following Send-off. This is a time when guest and team members are prayed for by name, and you can pray and sacrifice for your guest.
8. Come to the Candlelight and Closing services, and celebrate the weekend with your guest. Make plans to take you guest home after the Closing as well.
9. Bring your guest to the follow-up (4th Day Meeting) on the Tuesday following the Banquets. The purpose of the meeting is to explain the Reunion Groups and begin to form them.

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10. Make sure your guest has every opportunity to get into a reunion group. You might invite him/her to your reunion group to experience the joy and love. Maybe as a permanent new member. Encourage them in every way to be a part of a reunion group.
11. Encourage your guest to be a Christian witness in their family, vocation, and Church. Be their cheerleader so Christ is shared with the world. "See how they love one another". Show evidence in your life that Christ and you have an overwhelming bond. "Let your light so shine before men...."

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