A SAMPLE PALANCA REQUEST LETTER

Dear

(Candidate's name) is going to attend The Walk With Christ on (dates of the Walk). This weekend is a time of spiritual renewal when those attending both learn about and experience God's love. Lay persons and Pastors from a number of churches participate and provide leadership. The purpose is to renew and nurture faith in Christ.

The Walk is a positive enjoyable weekend. During the weekend, those attending receive mail from their close friends and loved ones for encouragement. As (Candidate's first name) Sponsor, I am responsible for contacting his/her family and close friends and asking them to write a note or letter to be given to him/her during this special weekend. Since we want this mail to be a surprise we sometimes have to do a little detective work in order to get the names and addresses of persons from whom to request letters. After you write your letter, you can help by passing this along to someone else you know who is close to (Candidate's first name) and from whom he/she would enjoy receiving a note or letter.

The letter you write is a letter of friendship and love. It will be read only by (Candidate's first name). It is an opportunity for you to express your appreciation for (Candidate's first name) and what your relationship with him/her has meant and means to you. You might want to recall some event that has been special to the two of you or a humorous incident you shared. Please help make (Candidate's first name) Walk weekend special by doing the following:

1. Write a letter or note to him/her and sign it.
2. Put it in an envelope and seal it.
3. Write (Candidate's) **first and last** name on the envelope.
4. Put the envelope in a larger envelope and mail it to me prior to (date at least one week before the Walk weekend) so that I can get it to the proper person in charge of mail.

This is to be a complete surprise to (Candidate's first name), so please help make it special by keeping "mum" until it's all over. Thanks for assisting in making (Candidate's first name) spiritual renewal weekend special.

(Closing of your choice)

As the sponsor, you can choose which day *“Faith (1), Love (2), or Hope (3)”* the candidate will receive the Palanca letter. Please write it plainly on the envelope to make it easier for the person stuffing the bags to know which day you would like it to be delivered.