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Dear Parent(s),

Just as your child grows physically, intellectually, and emotionally, so too, he or she grows spiritually. As a parent responsible for the development of your child, you try to meet all of his or her changing needs. You foster and direct spiritual growth by the atmosphere in your home, the example of your life, and the celebration of the sacraments. You were supportive when your child was initiated into the faith through Baptism and First Holy Communion. Now your teenage son/daughter is at the stage of strengthening his or her commitment to the faith through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

You and the Church will partner in preparing your child for this important sacrament that completes his/her sacrament of initiation. The goal of this sacramental program is to help your son/daughter be receptive and responsive to the graces and challenges of living one's faith in the world. This third Sacrament of Initiation will deepen their relationship with Christ and His Church. Those to be Confirmed will become more aware of the presence and action of the Spirit and His seven gifts within them, which will empower them to live as Jesus did. They will discover ways to fulfill the specific responsibilities which are theirs as Christians.

This year our parish has moved Confirmation preparation to eighth grade. However, students in ninth grade needing the Sacrament of Confirmation will also join our eighth graders as a combined class for this one year only because of the Confirmation Sacrament being moved to the eighth grade. This class will be held on Monday evenings from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. in the SS. Charles and Helena parish hall. Classes begin September 30, 2019.

You are asked to attend the **mandatory** Confirmation parent meeting with your son or daughter on Monday, September 9, 2019 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at SS. Charles and Helena parish hall. Please be prompt because there is much to go over at this initial meeting. We will review the upcoming schedule of classes, retreat date, Confirmation date, service hours, and other important information. We will also answer any questions you may have. Thus, we need your fullest support as we prepare your child for this awesome sacrament.

Thank you for your cooperation and if you have any questions please call or email Rachel Vance at 810-691-9658 or [youthministerssch@catholicweb.com](mailto:youthministerssch@catholicweb.com). We look forward to meeting with you soon as we work together to prepare your son/daughter for a faith-filled, exciting year.

In Christ's Love,

*Fr. Kenneth F. Coughlin, Pastor*

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