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Dear Parent / Guardian of the Confirmation Class of 2010:

I hope your summer vacation has been safe and enjoyable. It is time again for your child to continue preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Enclosed, please find a copy of this year's calendar with each event that will be taking place. The schedule includes several evenings of reflection, Teen Masses and Faith Theme Sessions. **I would like to point out that ALL Faith Theme Sessions for your child's class will now take place in our Church on Sunday evenings from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm.** This is a change from last year when your child met for Confirmation class on Sunday afternoons. We meet in the church building in order to comply with rules set forth by the Bishop's Conference and the Protecting God's Children program. Our Sponsor Catechists have completed training and guidance concerning the rules and are well prepared to see that your child has a safe and spiritual learning experience while in our Confirmation Program. Sponsor Catechists are truly special people and we are all very grateful for their heartfelt commitment to our children and our program!

Please notice on the calendar that the Sacrament of Confirmation is scheduled for **Sunday, May 2, 2010 at 12:00 pm.** Confirmation will take place at the 12 noon mass. While this is an unusual time for Confirmation, this is the date and time the Bishop has informed us he will celebrate the sacrament with us. Details still need to be worked out for the Confirmation ceremony. A letter of explanation and all details will be sent later in the year. As we look forward to that day, I am confident that each of our candidates will complete the requirements of the program and enter into the sacrament spiritually prepared. The entire Confirmation Team is committed to helping them every step of the way and we will keep you up-to-date as events come near.

Please look over this calendar and post it where you can refer to it easily. The calendar you have received lists **GROUPS A, B and C** within it. Groups A, B and C meet on different Sunday nights of the month so you must always pay close attention to the calendar and which night your child's group is scheduled to meet. If you are unsure about the calendar, please contact your Sponsor Catechist and they will be happy to explain things to you. Each event on the calendar is important and requires your child's active participation. It is expected that your child attend **all** events listed.

I look forward to seeing all the candidates in the Class of 2010 again. Thank you for your continued support of our Confirmation Program. As always, you are in my prayers.

God Bless You,

Michael Harding

Youth Minister