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Dear Confirmation Candidates, Sponsors, and Parents:

It is exciting that your decision is to be confirmed into the Catholic Church. We are hoping to make this experience as rewarding for you as possible. Notice, within the contents of this envelope is a Confirmation registration form. To be eligible to make your confirmation, you need to be at least 16 years of age and/or a junior in high school. Also, you have to either be attending a Catholic High School or have at least one year of sacramental preparation prior to Confirmation. This means you need to have attended religious education classes last year in order to be eligible for Confirmation classes. If this applies to you then you are ready to begin your journey.

The registration form needs to be completed in full by July 31, 2011. This includes the front and the back of the registration form as well as the sheet with candidate and sponsor information. PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THE BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE if not baptized at any of the six parishes listed on the top of the registration form. We need this information for record keeping purposes. The form provides the necessary steps for completing the registration process. So please, provide all information requested of you.

Tuition needs to be paid in full by September 1, 2011. Please contact me for any questions regarding billing. Calendars will be developed and mailed to you as soon as possible. They will include dates and locations of all classes, retreats, district sessions, etc.

Throughout the course of the year information will be given to parents, candidates, and sponsors regarding many different aspects of the program. This includes permission slips, service forms, letters, etc. I ask that upon receiving any forms that you promptly return them. (It is the responsibility of the candidate to complete all the Confirmation requirements.) We will go in detail of those requirements at the start of class. Parents and I are here to help candidates honor their commitment.

Small group leaders and retreat group leaders are needed. They are to provide a great process for the candidates. This is a rewarding way to share your faith. Parents, grandparents, godparent, sponsors, etc. are welcome. Please indicate your willingness on the registration form. If your help is needed we will contact you with further information.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year and thank you for this opportunity. I am always here to help with any questions or concerns. All of my information is listed in the letterhead above. Enjoy your summer and may God bless you!

Thanks,

Debbie Barycki, *Youth Ministry Coordinator*