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Dear Parent,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome to you and your teen to the OLM Confirmation program. Through this sacrament, your teen will receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church. This two-year program should prove to be a wonderful journey as your teen will come to know Jesus Christ and the teaching and beliefs of our Catholic Church on a deeper level. Our hope is that your teen will see his/her Confirmation as the beginning of a life of love and service in the Lord!

In July, you will receive the program schedule that will outline the requirements for the program along with the key dates for the classes and the required retreats. The students will attend class on one Sunday a month from 10:40AM to 1:30PM, two retreats during their freshman year, and two retreats during their sophomore year. I realize that the Confirmation Preparation program takes commitment not only from the students, but from the parents as well, to ensure that the students meet all the requirements. Believe me- it's worth the effort!

Please return the enclosed registration form, along with a registration fee by **June 18th**. Forms can be mailed to the address above or dropped off at the rectory. In an effort to go 'green' we are requesting email addresses for you and your teen. Most of our communication throughout the year will be sent via email.

We have done an extensive fiscal evaluation of the program over the last few weeks and realized we have not had an increase in the tuition in over six years. The tuition has stayed the same, yet our parish expenses have increased each year. In order to be prudent stewards of this program, we find it necessary to increase tuition in the Confirmation program.

The registration tuition for the 2019–2020 Confirmation program is **\$235** for the first student and **\$150** for the second student. We will also apply a \$500 cap on tuition for any family that has students in both the Religious Education and Confirmation programs. Please note there is an **additional late fee of \$50** for any registration received after **June 18th**. As always, if any family has financial difficulties, and needs help with tuition, please send in the registration with a note stating this and we'll work with each family on a case-by-case basis.

As you know, parent volunteers make our programs stronger. Please indicate your area of interest on the enclosed volunteer form. Whether it's only for a few hours, a regular commitment, or on an as needed basis - *we need you!*

We wanted you to be aware of a change happening in the lower grades of our program. We have requested and been given permission by Bishop Serratelli to move the reception of Confirmation to the 8th grade. The Sacrament of Confirmation is a powerful grace and we believe it is needed sooner than 10th grade to strengthen students in the moral challenges that are faced today. This decision will not affect the 9th or 10th grade confirmation program. There will be a two-year transition period where the incoming 7 & 8 graders will begin the confirmation process in Sept. 2019.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or send me an e-mail.

God bless,

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