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Parents of 9th Graders/Confirmation Candidates:

Again, thank you for your patience during this time as we offer our youth Faith Formation classes including Confirmation preparation, online.

This letter is long overdue. Yet, better late than never.

Normally we hold a parent/candidate meeting. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic restrictions for the Diocese of Sioux City, we cannot hold such a meeting at this time.

Thus, I am sending you some basic information regarding preparation for Confirmation, namely CONFIRMATION; GENERAL INFORMATION which is available under DOCUMENTS for each parishes' "Confirmation Preparation" under FAITH FORMATION-YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

1. For Cherokee: <https://cherokeecountycatholics.org/confirmation-preparation-1>
2. For Holstein: <https://cherokeecountycatholics.org/confirmation-preparation>

Please note the information regarding:

1. SPONSORS on page 3—noting the qualifications.
 - a. If your son or daughter has not done so already, please encourage them to pick a sponsor that fulfills the qualifications.
 - b. The sponsor ought to be available to attend the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday 31 October 2021, 10:30 a.m.
 - c. Please complete the selection of the sponsor by 10 January 2021.
 - d. If the person is not a member of either parish named above, please ask the person to obtain a letter or document from his/her pastor noting that the person is a Catholic in good standing.
 - e. Ask your son or daughter to write a short letter to me as to why they picked that person to be their sponsor and send that letter to me by 12 January 2021.
 - f. Ask your son or daughter to maintain regular communication with his/her sponsor regarding their Mass attendance, what they are learning through their Confirmation Preparation program, and which Saint they are considering on choosing.
 - g. For candidates at IC-Cherokee, please give your sponsor's the CHOSEN: SPONSOR'S GUIDE to your sponsor.

2. CONFIRMATION NAME on page 4. Please invite your son or daughter to begin discerning a Saint they admire. Please set as a goal the choosing of a recognized canonized Saint of the Church by Ash Wednesday 2021. An original report [not copied/pasted from any resource including the internet] will need to be sent to me around the beginning of Lent 2021.
3. Regarding PROOF OF BAPTISM. All candidates baptized in either of the two names parishes above have their baptism record here. If your son or daughter was baptized in another parish, please let me know which parish and in about what month or year. If your son or daughter was baptized in a non-Catholic church/parish, please contact me with what needs to be done to advance your son or daughter to be confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church.

If you have any questions or need anything, please contact me.

Thank you for your assistance in helping your children become disciples of Jesus.

Peace,

Fr. Mark
Pastor