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Dear Parents,

You are receiving this letter because your child is listed to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus parish. Normally a parent meeting would be held to explain all the requirements and details for Confirmation, but COVID restrictions make an in-person meeting impossible at this time. We hope this letter and packet will be ALMOST as informative as a meeting.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is one of the Church's three sacraments of initiation, the other two being Baptism and Holy Communion, and brings one deeper into communion with the Church. Confirmation is NOT a graduation, and your child is not finished in his or her formation as a Catholic follower of Jesus Christ.

Please review the enclosed information sheets and forms. The deadline for each form is shown on the upper left-hand corner and it is **very important that the deadlines are observed**. The forms are color coded, but if you lose your form or want to submit the completed form electronically, you may download from the parish website or Catholic Brain. PLEASE DO NOT RETURN COMPLETED FORMS TO THE SCHOOL. They can be returned by mail to our address, dropped off in the black lock box by our front door, dropped off at the parish office, or put in the collection.

If you have had other children Confirmed in the parish before this year, please note there are two minor changes to the program.

1. Regarding service hours. We ask parents to make sure their child steps outside their comfort zone to serve God and others, however you are not required to submit a service hour form.
2. If your child was baptized at a parish other than Sacred Heart, please provide us with the following information: Baptism date, name of the parish and the city, state, and country, and the name of the priest or deacon who celebrated the Baptism. (In previous years we required that you submit a current baptismal certificate. This year the information is sufficient.

We are excited to join you and your child in this journey of faith! Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need assistance. Email is the best method, but you may also leave a voice mail on our home phone. If you are NOT a member of Sacred Heart Parish, please let us know.

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