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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am truly delighted to welcome families of our youth in Grade 7 to the first year of our two-year Confirmation program! This is a very special time in your teen's life of Faith! I always consider it a time for them to make important choices with the guidance of the Holy Spirit; especially to experience their faith as more actively **DOING** for God and others, than just simply learning about God.

**Youth in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade who are preparing for Confirmation will attend LIFT regularly this year, using the books and schedule which you picked up today, and will also follow a special schedule of sessions with specific content on Confirmation starting in January of 2021. These sessions will all be scheduled on Sunday mornings, and we will take the lessons from a publication by St. Mary's Press entitled *Live It! Change the World with Everyday Faith*.**

**There will be at least two sessions scheduled for parents only. Also, we will plan a retreat to take place during Lent 2021 (TBA), and a service-related activity along with the 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation candidates in the spring. The complete schedule for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation will be published and distributed before the end of September 2020.**

We have also enclosed a "Sacramental Preparation Registration" form, which you should complete and return to the parish. The form is necessary to ensure that your child's sacramental record is complete and accurate. It also serves as registration specifically for Confirmation sacramental preparation. All information recorded on this form will be kept strictly confidential. Youth preparing for Confirmation must be baptized and also should have received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. If your child was NOT baptized at one of the predecessor parishes to Saint Katharine Drexel Parish (Ave Maria, St. Agnes, St. Joseph, St. Oliver Plunkett, St. Thomas Aquinas), then a copy of the baptismal certificate must be submitted with this form. You can obtain a copy of your child's baptismal certificate by calling the church of baptism and requesting it. You must also record the date your child received First Eucharist and the church where the celebration had taken place as well on the form.

We are excited to begin working with all of you in Confirmation preparation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me in the Faith Formation Office at 724-209-1370, ext. 412 or by email at skddebaugustine@gmail.com.

In Christ's Peace,

Deb Augustine  
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