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Dear 8th Graders and Parents,

On behalf of St. Anthony's Parish, we wish to congratulate you on taking this big step in your faith journey. Confirmation is a special time for a young person to commit to their faith and experience the Holy Spirit in their life. It is the next step of belonging to a faith filled community that started at Baptism and continued with your first celebration of Eucharist. We welcome you and hope to make this event fulfilling and joyful.

This will be a special year of preparation. This preparation involves your teachers, sponsors and most critically, your parents. **The tasks to be completed are the responsibility of the students but the examples they are shown are the responsibility of the parents.** It is very important that students go to Mass each week and participate in the Holy Eucharist. We will prepare you for the steps you will take to being confirmed but it is up to each student to ready themselves to receive the Holy Spirit.

Each student must ask themselves, Am I Ready? Do I understand that I am called to make a deeper commitment to my faith? Will I go to Mass each week and receive the sacraments? Do I want to be a better person in faith? Do I want to be a participant in my parish? These are important questions to ask at this time. These are important actions that parents must commit to in order to show their child just how important their faith is to them.

Please think about these questions as you take the next step to a deeper understanding of your faith. Hopefully, with the community service activities, spiritual enrichment opportunities, and group discussions we have planned through the curriculum, you will come to a better understanding of yourself and your relationship with Jesus.

We are looking forward to a great year and helping you grow in faith and recognizing the gifts of the Holy Spirit within each of you.

God Bless,

Jean Jacksen

Coordinator, St. Anthony S.T.A.R.S.