

April 12, 2010

**Dear Parent/Guardian of a Candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation,**

Please review the papers in this folder and discuss with your candidate how he/she can best proceed with the summer assignment.

Several of the papers included in this folder are intended for you as adults and parents. Please read them carefully.

**The Precepts of the Church** remind us of our commitment to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. They are a guide to how we are expected to live our own lives, and also, the promises we made when our children were baptized in the Roman Catholic faith.

The **Form for Confession** is intended to assist both parent and candidate in reviewing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Candidates will receive the sacrament during the seasons of Advent and Lent. Please help your child prepare for this sacrament so that he/she can receive it without fear or concern and receive it with the proper state of mind and heart (disposition).

If your child can not recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be and Act of Contrition, then he/she may feel quite uncomfortable receiving this sacrament. These prayers are given as *penance* in many instances. Not being able to recite these prayers inhibits your child's ability to feel good about receiving the sacrament. PLEASE be sure your candidate can at least recite these basic prayers of our faith.

A meeting for parents of Confirmation Candidates will be held in September. The date will be posted on the PREP website and in the parish Sunday bulletin during the summer. Please check for the date and plan to attend the September meeting.

May the Holy Spirit guide both you and your candidate as you prepare together for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Anne Hayes*