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Dear Parents,

The story of your child's life as a Christian began at their Baptism. They were marked with the sign of the cross, which symbolized their welcome into our Catholic Community. They were anointed with Chrism as a sign of the Holy Spirit entering their lives. Washed free of Original Sin, they were called to live as children of God. Baptized with water and the Spirit, they were marked forever as belonging to Christ, committed to be followers of Jesus.

Now, their faith journey brings them to the Sacrament of Confirmation. The promises made at Baptism will be renewed as your child will again be anointed with Chrism. By choosing to be Confirmed, your son or daughter is saying that they are willing to make a lifelong commitment to **serve** as Jesus did. Being sealed with the gifts of the Spirit will empower them to fulfill these promises. As young adults, Confirmed in the Spirit, they will be able to do great things in our Church and among God's people.

The Catholic Community of St. Gabriel embraces your child on his/her journey through the Confirmation process. Dedicated catechists promise to guide them in their understanding and knowledge of what they are about to undertake. As an initial step, all current eighth graders are invited to register for this process. Our preparation will begin in September at which time, a complete explanation and overview about the catechetical sessions, selection of a sponsor, and a Confirmation name, will be explained.

Students that wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2017, are asked to **complete the online registration form on the St. Gabriel website (st-gabriel.org), or by clicking on the following <https://web4ucorp.com/forms/forms/view.php?id=227698>, by June 15, 2016.**

Please note that a copy of your child's **baptismal certificate *must*** be provided unless the sacraments of Baptism and/or Eucharist were received at St. Gabriel, in which case, we have already verified this information.

Finally, please note that we are asking for emails of both the candidate and parents, as we will use email to communicate with you throughout the program.

We look forward to working with you and your teen throughout this next year. If you have any questions or special circumstance, please call me at 440-352-8282/email at mvoncarlowitz@st-gabriel.org, or Karen Jubeck, 440-352-8282/email kjubeck@st-gabriel.org. It is our fervent prayer that God's graces be with you, as you continue with your child on their journey in faith, preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

May the peace of the Spirit be with you always,

Mary P. von Carlowitz
Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Confirmation and RCIC

Enclosure