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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 and they were anointed with Chrism as a sign of the Holy Spirit entering their lives. 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. 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.

Our records indicate that you have a child that is entering the 9th grade in the fall, making them eligible for Confirmation. Our preparation will begin in September, at which time a complete explanation and overview of the program will be explained. Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, March 8, 2020, with Bishop Perez.

Students that wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2020 will need to **complete the online registration form no later than August 1st**. **Registration can be found on our parish website, www.st-gabriel.org** OR complete the enclosed form (on the reverse side of this letter) and turn it in to the parish office no later than August 1. *If your child is not entering the 9th grade this coming fall, please disregard this letter.*

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.

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 vhuber@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.

Paul Kelly, Veronica Huber, and Karen Jubeck