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Dear Parents:

I write this letter regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation for the youth of St. Anastasia Parish. Our records show that your child may be eligible to participate in the preparation process for the 2021 celebration of the sacrament. It is my goal to continue with this preparation process, while taking all precautions needed to keep your child safe in the midst of COVID-19.

We will be following the recommended guidelines put forth by the CDC as well as those given to me from the Diocesan Office. Two major guidelines to assist in limiting exposure to this pandemic are social distancing and masks. We will adhere to both of these guidelines as well as doing temperature checks and limiting the people entering the building.

Another set of guidelines followed are the Diocesan guidelines for Confirmation preparation. These state that the candidate must have, "two consecutive years of remote preparation...[and] between 12 - 18 hours of immediate preparation in addition to the classroom instruction..." To keep in union with these guidelines, Confirmation Preparation takes place on Sunday afternoons. Please see the enclosed schedule for dates and times.

In order for your child to enroll in this program he or she must:

- * be baptized Catholic - *copy of baptismal certificate required*
- * have celebrated the Sacrament of First Communion
- * be in the eighth grade or above
- * have actively participated in a Parish Religious Education, Parish Home Study, Catholic School or Catholic Home School program in 2019-2020
- * be enrolled in a Parish Religious Education, Parish Home Study, Catholic School or Catholic Home School program for the 2020-2021 calendar year

Enclosed in this packet is the following information and forms:

- A. **Confirmation Preparation & Retreat Registration Form:** Complete both sides and return
- B. **Child Photography Release Form:** Sign and return
- C. **Safety Procedures due to COVID-19:** Read in its entirety
- D. **Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to COVID-19:** Read, sign and return
- E. **Confirmation Preparation Schedule**
- F. **New Service Hour Opportunity Form:** Read, complete and return
- G. **Confirmation Sponsor Information**
- H. **Confirmation Sponsor Form:** Due no later than December 2, 2020
- I. **Confirmation Eligibility Form:** Due no later than December 2, 2020

This packet contains a number of enclosures to be read, completed and return. Take some time to read them thoroughly and as always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to journeying with you and your candidate through this preparation process.

Sincerely in Christ,

Denise Pressley

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