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Hi!

I am writing you today because our records show that you are eligible for receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this year! We are about to begin our Confirmation process at Holy Family on **September 14th**. Please consider coming to check it out. Below you will find some information about Confirmation and about our program.

Prerequisites: In order to receive the sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Family, you should be:

1. At least 16 years of age at the time of Confirmation
2. A practicing Catholic registered at Holy Family and involved in your Catholic faith either through Holy Family or a Catholic school. You can receive Confirmation through Holy Family even if you are registered at another parish.

Confirmation is a process that takes place from September through May. It includes:

- ✠ 3 Sponsor/Candidate mini-retreats
- ✠ The Rite of Enrollment
- ✠ 5 Sunday Sessions
- ✠ Life Nights
- ✠ A weekend retreat
- ✠ 10 Ministry and 10 Evangelization hours
- ✠ Small group and Sponsor meetings
- ✠ 2 individual meetings with the youth minister
- ✠ Holy Week services
- ✠ A final session and rehearsal
- ✠ Confirmation Mass

This year, we have a wide variety of Confirmation Sessions, from our Sponsor/Candidate Mini-Retreats to our Candidate Sunday Session to a variety of retreat and reflection sessions! There is a tentative schedule enclosed.

Confirmation is a time of:

- ✠ Exploring your faith, asking questions and learning more about being a Catholic Christian
- ✠ Deepening your commitment to Christ and to His Church
- ✠ Receiving the strengthening of the Holy Spirit
- ✠ Completing your initiation into the Catholic Church

If you would like to consider being Confirmed this year, you ***need*** to attend the meeting with one of your parents on **Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00 PM** in the church.

Returning this form and/or attending the meeting **does not** commit you to the program, it just allows you to take the first step in exploring the Sacrament. If this is not the time for you, there will be other times. I just invite you to think about it, and pray about it. (Confirmation is now offered every year at Holy Family).

If you have questions, please contact me at amandak@hfkparish.org so that we can talk some more about you and Confirmation. Know of our care and support for you.

In Christ's love,

Amanda Koppes
Sr. High Youth Minister

Additional note: *You have received this letter because our records indicate you are in 10th-12th grade and have not been confirmed. If this does not apply to you, please let me know so I can update the parish records.*