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Dear Parents,

Confirmation is an important, unrepeatable Sacrament, in the Catholic Church. It is a deepening of the Love that was poured out upon your children during the Sacrament of Baptism. We are grateful for the faith that has been instilled in your children as they begin to take responsibility for their own faith-formation. The Church teaches that the **family is the domestic Church** (*St. John Paul II, Familiaris Consortio, pp 21, 49, 1981*). This means that as parents, you have a deeper impact on your children's faith development than the employees of the Church or our Catholic Schools. Both the schools and ministers of the Church are present to support and reinforce your efforts.

The style of the meetings each night will involve a similar format that begins with opening prayer, followed by the presentation and an opportunity for small group discussion.

Pre-requisite Classes:

- I. Parent Information Night
- II. Parent & Youth Night The Invitation
- III. Youth Night Belonging
- IV. Youth Night Guided

V. Youth Night – Empowered
VI. Youth Night – Alive
VII. Youth Night – Confirmation: Step-by-Step

Since the Sacrament is a sacred event, our preparation is a concrete way of ensuring that we approach God with reverence. All sessions are, therefore, required before receiving the Sacrament. Specific dates and time will be provided upon registration.

Preparation Classes are available in Fall 2024 (October – December) and Spring 2025 (April – June).

Location: St. Michael's Parish Hall - 511 Cheapside Street, London, ON N5Y 3X5

If you encounter issues in attending any of the classes or have questions about our program, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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