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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Sacrament of Confirmation

Your child is invited to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 2023-24 school year. We look forward to helping you raise your child in the practice of the faith. Confirmation is an important time in the life of your family and the whole parish.

What is Confirmation?

The Sacrament of Confirmation is a significant step in the growth and development of every Catholic. It is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. At Confirmation, we affirm our commitment to God and the Church and receive a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as did the Apostles at Pentecost. The grace of this sacrament deepens our faith and brings us into a more abundant life with Christ. It strengthens us to share the love of Jesus Christ with others.

You are welcome to register at St. Pius X for confirmation if your family belongs to our parish. If you attend another parish, you should inquire with them about their preparation process.

On October $10^{\rm th}$, the registration form will be opened on the parish website at www.saintpiusx.ca/sacraments/confirmation. The form will remain open until November $10^{\rm th}$.

Please fill it out and upload a copy of your child's baptism certificate. You will also be asked to pay an offering of \$60 for your child's preparation program. This will help cover the cost of materials and administration of the program. If you are not able to make that offering, please contact the Office at the number above. As always, inability to pay will not be a hindrance to receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.

The registration form will also ask you to register for a mandatory introductory meeting. During this meeting, we will have a chance to introduce ourselves and review Key Dates for your child's preparation process. We will also review the requirements for a Confirmation sponsor and answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to beginning this process with you! Please let us know if you have any questions.

Blessings,

Fr. Massillamani Zacharias (Fr. Mani)