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Dear Invitee to the Sacrament of Confirmation:

A confirmandi is one who is in the process of receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. We would like to invite **you** to consider receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. When you were baptized your parents and godparents spoke for you and promised that you would lead a Catholic Christian life by following God and participating in His Church. Now that you are older, the Church is inviting you to continue your personal commitment to Jesus Christ. That is what Confirmation is all about – completing your initiation into our Roman Catholic faith.

Before you can receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, you will be required to attend preparation classes and to choose a sponsor. The classes are for you to learn more about your Catholic faith, by helping you to share your faith with other Catholic Christians in belonging to a Catholic Christian community and experiencing what our community of faith can do for you. Your sponsor should be a person who is fully initiated into our faith, that is, that they have received Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. Your sponsor should be someone you consider a Catholic Christian role model. According to canon law, **parents cannot be sponsors**. An ideal sponsor would be one of your baptismal sponsors or godparents, but your choice of sponsor is not limited to your baptismal godparent.

Please take time to consider this invitation. As God has promised, you will continue to receive special blessings to live your life in love and faith. When lives live lovingly and faithfully, success is guaranteed. We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely in Christ,

Michelle Weekley  
Youth Ministry Director