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My dear families participating in this year's Confirmation,

First, congratulations! What an exciting time for your family as your child is preparing to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church! I am so eager to get started with them, and to explore the genius and beauty of Catholicism with them!

Your Confirmation date this year is **Tuesday, April 23**. This is the first Tuesday following Easter, so please make travel plans accordingly.

The class this year will consist of 12 two-hour sessions that will take place on Sundays following the 10:30 Mass in the **Modesta Room** which is found in the lower level of the Parish Center. Your calendar is attached to this letter. Classes will begin on **Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**.

In the weeks leading up to our starting date, some things to encourage your child to begin considering are:

A Patron Saint: This does not need to be decided before the start of class, but it is fruitful to give time, thought and prayer to who one's patron saint is. Keep in mind that a patron saint does not need to have the same name and does not need to be the same gender. Rather, a patron saint is a saint in Heaven dedicated to praying for your son or daughter. How cool is that?

A Confirmation Sponsor: This also does not need to be decided before the start of the class. The criteria for a Confirmation sponsor are:

- Must be a practicing Catholic
- Must be a Confirmed Catholic over 16 years of age
- May not be a parent to the one being Confirmed

What an exciting time! I look forward to working with each of you!

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