Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/ Sponsors,

Our Year 2 confirmation retreat is planned for January 17-19, 2020. I am confident that it will be an eye opening, spiritual weekend for your teen. During the retreat, the students will be given the opportunity to stop and think about their relationship with God and how this relationship affects and inspires other relationships in their lives. They will participate in quiet time and group activities.

In addition, part of the retreat will focus on building an everlasting relationship with God our Father and how our faith and family give help to support us throughout all life’s trials & blessings and for this part, we need your help in a very special way! We would like to surprise each teen with a letter from their SPONSOR. Last year your teen chose a special person to journey along with them in this Sacrament of Confirmation and as the chosen sponsor we would like you to share with them the importance of continuing their Catholic faith and in ways in which your faith has helped you.

This will truly be a wonderful gift from you!

If you have never written such a letter, or need a little help to get it started, here are some ideas which may help:

- Write about your personal experiences of how God touches your life through your faith. Describe in terms a young man or woman can understand, as though you are having a personal conversation with him/her.
- Describe how you plan to be there for the candidate in terms of his/her spirituality. Suggest making an ongoing plan to attend church together.
- Close the letter telling your candidate how proud you are of him/her and this important step in his/her faith journey through Confirmation. Thank him/her for the honor of choosing you as his/her sponsor.

It is very important for every teen to receive a letter from their sponsor. However, the time set aside for reading and reflecting on the letter is limited. This will ensure that they have sufficient time to read, reflect and process your words of support and encouragement.

Where and when?

- Each letter should be sealed in its own envelope. On the front side of the envelope(s), print the first and last name of your teen.
- Please send or drop off these letters to the Pastoral Office, NO LATER than Sunday, December 8
- We have found that it is best that the teens are not expecting a letter from you, so I ask that you not send the letter with your child. We want this to be a surprise!

Thank you for taking the time to do this for your child.

Many Blessings,

Katy Dagampat, Kacie Riordan & Retreat Team