February 8, 2010

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Welcome to the St. Joan of Arc Confirmation Preparation Process. Having made the decision to support your child's move toward Full Communion in Christ's Church, you have accepted a unique responsibility:

- You agree to help the candidate experience the journey and share your faith journey with the candidate.
- You are willing to continue to model the commitment to personal prayer and community worship.
- You model the faith life for your child by attending Mass on Sunday and following the other precepts of the Church.

Our goal is to keep you fully informed of what is happening throughout the preparation process. For each session, there is a family letter located at the back of the candidate's book. It contains a summary of what was presented to the candidates, any assignments given to the candidates, and reflection questions meant to help you share your faith with your child. If there is any other way that we can support you in this role, please do not hesitate to let us know.

During this process, the candidate will be asked to choose a sponsor. The sponsor must be a practicing Catholic, one who models the commitment to personal prayer, community worship, and the Gospel message. If married, the marriage must be in accordance with the laws of the Church.

The date for the Parent/Candidate Orientation for Confirmation is Wednesday, February 24 in the SJA Junior High Gym at 6:30 p.m. At this meeting, packets with information regarding Confirmation—sponsor forms, Confirmation names, and schedule of events—will be presented.

Always remember that our faith journey is a life long commitment of mind, body, heart, and spirit. We journey, with the help of God's grace, to deepen our understanding of our Catholic faith and to live out the Gospel message of love and service to one another.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Gabriel Baltes, O.S.B.
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