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Dear Guardian Angels Ninth Grade Confirmation Families:

After many hours of researching other programs, talking to other Faith Formation Directors, and evaluating past parental input, I am excited to announce that we have a new Confirmation Process! We will begin the new Confirmation Process with your class this fall. We are modeling the preparation of this sacrament after our First Sacrament Program, where the parent and students meet together on specified weekends for their preparation.

The program will continue to be a two year process. Faith Formation students will continue to attend Wed night classes all confirmation candidates and their parents are required to attend Sunday eve sessions. In your second year, sponsors will also be required to participate in these sessions. Your first session, however, will be on a Wednesday evening because of a scheduling conflict. All parents and students are required to be at all the sacramental prep sessions. These sessions must be attended in order to be eligible for the celebration of the sacraments. In order to be enrolled in the sacramental preparation class you must be actively participating in an approved religious education program, ninth (tenth) grade Faith Formation or Holy Family religion requirements, for example.

On September 17, 2009 we will be having our retreat (our first meeting) and as in the past this, is a mandatory retreat. Students must come to the entire retreat in order for it to count as their requirement. While the students are at the retreat, the parents will be at their mandatory parent meeting. The retreat will be from 6:00pm – 10:00pm, and the parent meeting will be from 6:15pm – 7:30pm.

Tuition for the sacramental preparation classes has changed. For those students attending our ninth grade Faith Formation your tuition each year will be; \$50.00 for your Wednesday evening classes, \$50.00 for your Sacramental Prep Fee, and \$10.00(subject to change) for your retreat fee. For those attending a Catholic High School due to your required theology curriculum at school you will pay, \$50.00 for your Sacramental Prep Fee, and \$10.00(subject to change) for your retreat fee and you will not be attending the Wednesday evening Faith Formation.

Confirmation Service Hours have changed dramatically and I have included detailed information about our new Service Experiences as well as other important information regarding the new process. Some of the other additions to the process include an interview with Fr. Paul or Dcn. Gregg at the beginning and end of the two years of preparation. We are also requiring attendance to at least one Linline Teen Mass at the Net Center at St. Paul. We will be coordinating carpools throughout the year. Each ninth grade confirmation student must also work with our hospitality minister to host the tenth grade confirmation breakfast in April.

Finally, as you have read in the bulletin, we are working closely with St. Victoria to be closely involved in their youth ministry. We hope to have a tentative calendar of events to share with you soon.

We are looking forward to beginning your Confirmation journey with you this year. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding any of our Faith Formation Programs.

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