

PARENTAL LETTER OF COMMITMENT

May/June 2010

As a parent, you have seen to it that your child has been initiated into the faith through Baptism and the Eucharist. Now your teenager is at the stage of strengthening his or her commitment to our shared faith through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Confirmation program at St. Matthew’s aims to equip our candidates with the knowledge and attitudes necessary for a life-long process of conversion to Christ. In the preparation and celebration of the sacrament, Confirmation becomes a meaningful faith experience for our candidates, their families, sponsors and the entire parish community.

As young teens struggle to clarify their own convictions, attitudes and values, you as parents are their primary role models. You foster and direct spiritual growth by the atmosphere in your home, the example of your life, and the celebration of the sacraments. Faith is caught more than taught. In understanding more seriously your role of helping your son/daughter respond to the grace of this Sacrament, we invite you to make the following commitment:

In my daily life I will strive to witness the Gospel values of justice, respect and dignity of the whole person, trust in God, compassion, forgiveness, mercy, community, servant leadership, equality, simplicity, justice and peace. I will ensure that our family participates in Mass on a regular basis and that my son/daughter faithfully attends all classes and meetings. I will lift up in prayer the Confirmation Candidates of St. Matthew the Apostle Parish.

Your signature below signifies your willingness to foster these attitudes and actions in your family and home.

Parent Signature

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Candidate’s Name: _____

Please return to:

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