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Dear Parents of our Confirmation class of 2018,

We have been using an exciting program called ***Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation***. The goal of the program is to offer your child a powerful, life-changing experience as he or she prepares to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is our hope that Chosen will not only offer your child a thorough knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Faith, but will also win over their heart at this critical time in their life. The program has been carefully designed to address and answer your child's fundamental questions about life, and to challenge him or her to embrace a life of faith. Let's face it—our world is full of distractions and detours that can easily set a young person on the wrong path. Nothing can take the place of a strong faith in God. It is our faith that gives us our identity and our direction in life. The Church recognizes that you, as parents, are the primary educators of your children in matters of faith and morals—and the Chosen program offers you a unique opportunity to join your child as he or she journeys through the Catholic faith.

To learn more about the program and your role in preparing your child for Confirmation, we invite you to attend a **Parent Information Session on October 10, 2017 at 6:15pm OR on October 11, 2017 at 7:00pm to be held at Saint Martin de Porres School Gym**. At this meeting, we will have an **overview of the program, Chosen, and also to go over some of the requirements for making Confirmation**. Prior to the Information Session, you should have received a Chosen Parent's Guide, which summarizes the program lesson by lesson, allowing you to follow along and play an active role in your child's faith journey. The guide also provides helpful questions and family applications to foster meaningful conversation at home. We encourage you to follow along in this Parent's Guide. Included in the packet is a sponsor book. Please give this to your child's sponsor so that they can be part of your child's Confirmation preparation. Finally, we invite you to watch a welcome video to parents from Chosen's author, Chris Stefanick, which is available at **ConfirmationStudy.com/parents**.

Thank you for your time and interest in this important stage of your child's spiritual development. We look forward to seeing you at the Parent Information Session.

Sincerely,

Mrs. C. Fratto

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