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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

Instead of waiting for the beginning of the new calendar year, registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is being done early so we will have an idea of how many Candidates there will be for this year's group.

A mandatory parent meeting will take place on Sunday, November 17th, 2024, following the 11:00am Mass (approximately at 12:15pm) in the St. Patrick Church building. If you are not able to be there on that day the same meeting content will take place on Tues., November 26th 2024 at 7:00 pm in St. Patrick Parish hall. These meetings won't be longer that 30 minutes.

The meeting will consist of an outline of the program that will be used as well as encouraging you to be supportive of your child and to try your best to be interested in what she or he is doing by participating in preparation for Confirmation. I will also outline the component of parish participation.

If you have a child who has made their first Communion and first Reconciliation and is in grade 7 or 8 or later, it is time to complete their process of being a full member of the Catholic Church. Parents who want to enroll their child for the Sacrament of Confirmation can go to the parish website and download the Registration Form. You are asked to fill in the required information and include a copy your child's **Catholic Baptismal Certificate and bring them to the Parent meeting.**

Please take time to help your child to form a deeper relationship with Jesus. *I invite you and your family to participate at Sunday Mass at 11:00am at St. Patrick in Railton or on Saturday at 4:30pm at St. Mary in Odessa on a regular basis.* Gathered to worship God as a parish community is the strongest connection to your faith life since it is where the Holy Spirit leads us as the Body of Christ and helps us to grow with others in our relationship with Jesus.

A great benefit for you as a parent is that you will have a spiritually strong bond with your child. It may be a good opportunity for you to learn more about your faith as well since you will be directly involved!

If you and your family attend another parish other than St. Patrick or St. Mary, and you want to celebrate Confirmation there you can contact the Parish Priest of your parish to find out what is involved to prepare for the Sacrament at that parish.

Hope to you see at our meeting.

Sincerely in the Lord,



(Fr.) Sebastian Amato
St. Patrick Parish