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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Welcome to the St. Mary of the Falls Confirmation ministry! The Confirmation Ministry falls under the umbrella of St. Mary of the Falls Life Teen. Our aim is to help you prepare your teen for the sacrament of Confirmation. The Church has always recognized parents as the primary teachers of their children. We may send them to school, Edge, or Life Teen to learn the faith but ultimately our children learn from the behaviors and attitudes of their parents.

Our Confirmation program works in 2 parts. It strives to empower you as your teen's catechist by utilizing the Chosen Confirmation Series and it allows your teen to grow in their faith in a community of their peers in Life Teen High School Youth Ministry. *Utilizing Chosen and Life Teen **together** makes up the comprehensive Confirmation program.*

The Chosen Confirmation Series is comprised of 24 online sessions. These will be done at home at your teen's pace once you have the materials. These sessions are specific to the Sacrament of Confirmation and they take no more than 30 minutes to go through. Parents and Sponsors will get an accompanying guide that includes activities, strategies, and conversation starters to continue to facilitate the faith formation you provide at home.

Life Teen High School Youth Ministry is for all High School Teens grades 9 through 12. It takes place on Sunday evenings beginning with the 5pm Life Teen Mass, followed by dinner and the Life Night from 6-8pm. Life Teen addresses important faith topics in 4-week miniseries and provides nights for socialization and community. A vital part of our faith is being and growing in community together. We strive to give a systemic overview of our faith and build a community at Life Teen where your teen feels welcome and comfortable to personally encounter Jesus Christ.

If your teen is interested in pursuing Confirmation, we'll have 2 information sessions you and your teen can choose from – Tuesday, May 16th at 7pm OR Sunday, May 21st at 10am . *Teens and at least one parent should plan to attend one of these dates.* You'll receive more detailed information regarding Chosen and Life Teen, registration, and materials for the year. If you want to get a head start, fill out and bring with you or return the registration form and sacramental fee to the St. Mary of the Falls Life Teen Office.

If you have questions, please contact Jackie Swinerton (smofLifeTeenOffice@gmail.com // 440.235.2222 x 124) or go to stmaryofthefalls.org/confirmation. We would be happy to help you!

Once again, thank you for raising your teen in the faith and taking the necessary steps to prepare them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and most importantly, thank you for sharing them with us!

God bless,

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