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To: Directors/Coordinators for Youth Confirmations

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Reg: Youth Confirmations

As we approach the Easter Season and sacraments we wanted to send a reminder out of the details for the sacraments. It is important that all are prepared properly, and the celebration and registration of the sacraments are done. The celebrations are a joint effort between the parish and the school.

Children should be assessed for readiness of the sacrament. If a child is not ready s/he should not be forced to receive.

If one is receiving Baptism, then the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist must be given at the same time. They cannot be postponed.

Proof of Baptism for Eucharist and Baptism and First Eucharist for Confirmation needs to be provided to the coordinator and copies be made for the parish office. Remember that one must be baptized in the Roman Rite.

The celebration happens within the context of a parish community- not the school.

The Liturgy Committee of the parish should be a vital part of the planning.

The community provides the celebration for those receiving first sacraments therefore the children should not act as lectors, gift bearers, cantors, etc.

Names and contact information are to be sent to the parish pastor in a timely manner so planning can be done.

The pastor sends the number of students into the archbishop’s office with the appropriate forms for Confirmation.

Attendance be taken at the day of Confirmation and recorded in the sacramental registry.

Certificates should be given out immediately after the sacrament.

We are sure this is being done but just gives you a quick check list of the duties required.