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Dear 2025 Confirmation Candidates and Families,

It is with great excitement that I welcome you as you begin the process to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation! This is the 3rd and last Sacrament of Initiation to be received by you in your **continuing growth** as a Catholic Christian. In receiving this Sacrament, a *permanent* spiritual mark is imprinted on your soul, which lasts *forever*. This mark signifies that you are confirmed as a witness to Christ and a defender of the Faith...however, it is not the end of your journey! *Faith formation is life-long!*

This process is substantially more involved than any of the other religious education or sacramental preparations that you have done up to this point. The information that you are required to learn, however, is generally *not new*...it has been covered in your religion classes since you began your faith formation. The preparation has been set up so that you not only know and understand the pertinent information about our Faith but also so that you may *apply it* to live it out each day of your life.

You are not alone in this process! There are many groups of people who will support and help you along the way, including the parish community, your catechists, your parents and your sponsor. ***Parents and sponsors have a prominent role in the formation of the candidates through the witness of their lives in the examples they set and through meetings and ceremonies attended.*** Parishioners also play an active part in leading the Candidates to become enthusiastic, responsible Christians.

If at any time you have any questions on the preparation process or any of the materials contained in the "Red Folder", please do not hesitate to call me at (215) 855-9893 or email me at leonar@ststansilaus.com.

On behalf of Fr. Sean, Fr. Jonathan, Miss McCaughan, Miss Waltrich and myself, may God bless you and may the Holy Spirit descend upon you and guide you in your preparations for Confirmation!

Sincerely in Christ,

Mrs. Leona Russell
Director of Religious Education

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