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### **PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - CONFIRMATION**

Dear Parents/Carers/Guardians,

We are currently organising the program for children in year 3 or above who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. As you may be aware, the Archbishop released a revised Sacramental policy for Christian Initiation of Children in the Archdiocese of Brisbane in September 2015. As a result, our Parish has undertaken a review of the way we prepare the children for the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Penance (Reconciliation) in line with the revised Archdiocesan policy.

As the primary educators in the faith, parents are encouraged to prayerfully discern whether they feel that their child's faith is adequately developed prior to their child's reception of the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. The Archdiocesan policy indicates the year in which children turn eight as the usual time. Faith development, rather than age, is the critical factor in determining a child's readiness to receive Confirmation.

Once children have received Confirmation, they will then be invited to receive **Holy Eucharist** for the first time in the following year during the month of June.

We encourage you to continue supporting your child/children in their faith journey through prayer and bringing them to Mass as often as possible. **This is expected in the weeks leading up to the reception of the Sacrament planned for Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 6pm in St Mary's Church.**

Weekly classes will be held in the lead-up to the Sacrament being administered by Fr Adrian Farrelly who is the Priest nominated by the Archbishop to perform this duty. **These classes will commence the week of 11<sup>th</sup> October at a time and day to be advised once the completed enrolment forms and other documentation required is returned to the parish office. These may be emailed if more convenient for you.**

**A fee of \$30 per child or \$50 for more than one to cover cost of running the program supplies will be required and this should be paid to the parish office or the leader of the lessons once they begin. The Parish bank details could be given if this is an easier option. If you are in financial hardship, please let us know and we will take this into account.**

If you know of any families with children of this age who have been baptised Catholic and may wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please ask them to contact me during office hours Tuesday – Friday 8.30 – 2.30.

Yours in faith,  
Mary Kirkpatrick, Parish Secretary