

## ***What is the Role of the Parent?***

*Years ago, you made a promise.*

*You renounced evil and professed belief in a faith held by the Church in the name of the baby you presented for Baptism. This baby is not a baby anymore. Soon, the bishop will ask your young person to repeat the pledge that you made for your child. The Sacrament of Confirmation celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit into believer's lives- a Spirit first conferred at Baptism. Confirmation and Baptism celebrate the same reality with a slightly different focus. Baptism celebrates the gift of life: Confirmation celebrates the breath of life- the Holy Spirit.*

*Parents are their children's primary teachers and you play a critical role in bringing your children to faith. The nurturing, supporting, guiding, and leading has brought your youth here. In Confirmation, your child will renew the Baptismal promises for himself/herself, and we ask that parents support their child in making a free choice. We know, as parents, you will continue to lead by example and we ask you to continue to challenge your child to live up to the commitment they are making to begin the Confirmation process.*

*Parents need to continue saying "yes" to faith through active participation in the life of the parish. Please continue to attend Mass with your children, to provide opportunities for the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and to pray with your family. This gift of WITNESS is invaluable! The Spirit of God impels believers to witness not only to what they learned in a few months or years of instruction, but to what they continue to learn in shared worship and shared searching. Please continue to worship and to search with your child.*

*We ask you to pray for your child and let them know you are praying for them. Pray also for every young person at Holy Trinity who is preparing to receive the gift of the Spirit and to courageously say "Yes, this is my belief. This is my Church. This is who I am."*

**Parent Commitment Response**

*I \_\_\_\_\_  
will support my child in the upcoming months as he/she explores  
his/her faith in preparation for Confirmation.*

*I will pray for my child and for all youth preparing for Confirmation.*

*I will provide for my child to attend all scheduled meetings, including  
small and large group sessions, retreats, and service opportunities, and  
will inform the Youth Office in advance if my child will be absent.*

*I recognize that I am my child's primary teacher, and will continue to set a  
Catholic Christian example by attending Mass on Sundays and Holy  
Days, by continuing to develop my own faith life, and by observing the  
teachings of my faith.*

*I will ensure that my child is attending Faith Formation classes either at  
Holy Trinity or in a Catholic school setting, and will encourage my young  
person to continue learning about our Catholic Faith throughout their  
adult lives.*

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