Dear Confirmation Candidates,

The most important part of your Confirmation Preparation process – even more so than class attendance – is weekly participation in the celebration of the Eucharist on the Lord’s Day (Sunday, or Saturday night). Confirmation preparation classes and weekly celebration of the Eucharist form the basis of your total preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. In fact, if one were to do just one or the other, he or she would only be accomplishing 50% of the preparation.

It almost goes without saying, Catholics are obliged to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist every Sunday and holy day of obligation (CCC § 2181-2185). As you know, a choice made to miss Sunday Mass is considered a serious sin. It does not matter if classes are meeting or not. Catholics are relieved of their Sunday obligation if they are seriously ill or are traveling in a place where there is no possibility of attending Mass (i.e., out camping or in the desert where there are no churches close by). If you are ill, please call our office to leave a message stating that you must miss class and Mass, or email us at cmo@santasophia.org.

Please note: you may be attending a Catholic school, allowing you to celebrate the Eucharist during the week. Such celebrations of the Eucharist do not replace your Sunday Mass obligation.

Each Sunday, Confirmation candidates will be expected to attend Mass following class. Candidates and their catechists will walk over to church after class to reserved pews in the front section of church. If you have already attended Mass or wish to sit with your family during the 11 a.m. Mass, please let your catechist know. Parents will be picking up children and teens from church this year, just prior to the 11 a.m. Mass, and will need to sign in with the catechist.

Just as with class attendance, if you miss three Sunday Masses or classes throughout the year, there will be actions you will need to complete in order to get back on track. Please keep this in mind as make-up work and actions could become overwhelming in your already-busy schedule.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Steve or me.

Sincerely,

Lisa Mersereau
Director of Catechetical Ministries

Sincerely,

Stephen Browne
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