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My Dear Parents,

Allow me to begin by expressing my heartfelt congratulations as you prepare for the Confirmation of your child. While it will be a day of many graces for those receiving Confirmation, it will also be an occasion for the Church to celebrate the support, love, and witness that you give your child and have helped prepare them to receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit for a second time in their lives. On the day of your child's Baptism, you agreed to raise your child in the Catholic faith. How wonderful it is to see your child complete Christian initiation and become a fully initiated member of the Mystical Body of Christ that is the church.

As your child continues to mature, the church stands ready to continue to collaborate with you in the work of formation. More specifically, our parishes and schools are privileged places where your child can continue to learn the beauty of the Catholic faith, experience the wonder and awe of God's presence through prayer and the Sacraments, and develop the virtues needed to become good, effective future leaders of our communities. Indeed, Confirmation is not the end of formation, but the beginning of a new chapter. We stand ready to continue to partner with you in this important work.

To this end, I will lead a meeting for all parents whose child is receiving Confirmation in your region. The purpose of this meeting is to outline the ways by which our partnership in faith can deepen. I invite you to join me **on January 15, 2025 at St. Mary Parish, located at 26 Dodgingtown Road, Bethel**. Our gathering will begin at 7:00 pm with prayer, a brief presentation, open conversation, and a closing prayer. Our gathering should end no later than 8:15 pm.

I extend this personal invitation to you in the hope that you will be able to join me for this important gathering.

Please be assured of my prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport