## Greetings,

I am delighted that you have expressed an interest in being confirmed this year. Adult Confirmation is open to those over 18 years old who have already been baptized in the Catholic Church, attends Mass, received Catholic religious education as a child, and partakes of the Eucharist; if married must be in a valid Catholic marriage. If you need to have your marriage validated in the church, please schedule a time to meet with a priest or deacon as soon as possible.

A six-week period of preparation is required. The meetings will be held once a week on Sunday mornings from 9:00 am until 10:45 am in the House of Prayer and Study (the building to the left of the covered drop-off). The first meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2024. At the first meeting you will be given information about the schedule. The Adult Confirmation ceremony will be held at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Baton Rouge on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at the 10:30 am Mass.

If you were not baptized at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, please bring or email your Baptism certificate. The church where you were baptized will be able to supply a copy for you if you do not have record of this already. They can fax it directly to Holy Rosary at 225-647-5322 or email it to wenloe@olohr.com.

You will also need a sponsor. This person serves as a model of the Catholic faith to you (A parent is not eligible). The person must be a Confirmed practicing Catholic. (Attends Mass on a regular basis and partakes of the Eucharist; if married must be in a valid Catholic marriage.) A sponsor eligibility form with more information is enclosed. We ask your sponsor to participate with you in as many preparation sessions as possible. Although this is not required, we strongly encourage you to select someone who can participate in your journey of faith during this time of preparation. Please submit the sponsor form with the registration information or before the first meeting.

Having reviewed this information, I hope that you will decide to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please complete the enclosed form if you would like to join the class and mail, email (wenloe@olohr.com), or drop it off to the Parish office preferably before **Wednesday**, **April 3rd**. A drop-box is located near the front door of the parish office. Please give me a call (647-3696) if you have any questions.

Blessings,

Wendy Enloe Director of Adult Faith Formation