Hello Confirmation Parents,

As we face our current situation of the coronavirus, we are communicating Holy Spirit Youth Ministry’s plan moving forward.

Our clergy and staff at Holy Spirit Church has been closely monitoring the recommendations of local health officials as the coronavirus (COVID-19) affects all areas of our lives, including our involvement in Church functions. **After discussions, and with prayerful consideration, we have decided to withhold Confirmation sessions until April 5.**

With this decision, we have made adjustments to our current schedule of sessions. Please see the dates below for our most up to date schedule:

- April 5 [Sponsor Meeting moved to this date]
- April 19
- April 26 [Added date from the missed session on March 22]
- May 3
- May 17

These adjustments will stay in place until further notice. We understand the coronavirus is fluid and our staff will provide updates whenever necessary. Although the situation has sparked fear for many, we remain committed to serving our families as a Church. The HSYM team has discussed that a two week break is a precautionary measure to help mitigate the spread of the coronavirus and allow us to plan for other potential steps forward.

We hold on to our promise of providing the best Catholic faith formation for your teens. Please be assured that with this break in sessions, and as we get further updates from local health professionals, we are working on plans to continue to provide the best formation we can in whatever circumstance. With the current break, we will continue to implement deep sanitization of the Desousa House, make adjustments to the formation curriculum, as well as develop technology-based alternatives for formation if we are advised to discontinue in-person sessions.

Your continued collaboration with our communication is greatly appreciated. Let us continue to pray for our world in this time – especially for the families affected by the coronavirus, as well as the healthcare workers to serve them. Despite fear surrounding our situation, we also pray for the cooperation of all humanity – so that everyone may do their part in fighting the spread of this virus. Of course, we at Holy Spirit Church are praying for you, our families, that we can worship beside you and grow deeper in faith together again. Please stay safe and healthy!

With Christ’s peace,

Joe & the HSYM Team