Hello Confirmation Parents,

I hope everyone is doing well. Much time has passed since our Church has held public Masses, and also since our teens have gathered. In this time, we still remain committed to serving the families of HSYM. Before you read on about the updates for what is to come, we ask you please watch this video message:

https://youtu.be/haLC1p9SDWI

We ARE the Church. We are bonded by our faith, not a location. Despite the shelter in place, social distancing, and our temporary adjustments to this situation, we have created a doorway to remaining bonded in our faith. Holy Spirit @ Home will be that doorway for us. Holy Spirit @ Home is focused on three things:

1. Supporting both the teens and parents at building faith as a family
2. Renewing hope within the home amidst what’s happening in the world
3. Inspiring the family to love as Christ within and beyond the home

We have been planning for several ways to do that:

**Continued Confirmation Sessions**
We will continue to offer Confirmation Sessions for your teens. The major difference, is that these sessions will be held on Zoom. Zoom is an online platform that allows live gatherings with visual and sound. It is the closest thing provided online that we can get to a regular gathering. Confirmation sessions will be held on Sundays, 3:00PM to 4:00PM via Zoom.

The updated schedule with the login instructions are attached here: [Updated Confirmation Schedule](https://example.com/updated-schedule)
PLEASE NOTE: This weekend’s session is NOT a Sponsor Session. Given the current circumstances, we will no longer have a sponsor session. However, we encourage your teen to be in contact with their confirmation sponsor.

**HSYM Lectio LIVE!**
We have found that when a teen discovers how to read, pray with, and apply God’s Word to their everyday life, amazing things happen. Lectio LIVE! will be an online gathering for all teens to hear a reflection about scripture from the upcoming Sunday’s Mass, to share, to pray, and apply it to their everyday life.
Lectio LIVE! will be hosted as a webinar on Zoom. Links to the webinar will be sent in the Holy Spirit @ Home updates each week.

**Holy Spirit @ Home for Parents**
This year, we have been working on being more intentional about ministering to parents, not just the teens. We feel the Holy Spirit is leading us in an effort to provide you, the parents, with more content to help you lead the family to grow in faith, hope, and love. Through our Holy Spirit @ Home updates, we are planning to roll out some exciting things. You can expect:
- Practical tips on building a faith-centered home
- Webinars with special topics
- Short video scripture reflections
- Faith sharing videos from other Catholic families in the parish

Our hope is that we not only survive this time of shelter in place, but we truly thrive in it. We encourage you to receive this as our invitation to thrive together as a Church.

**We encourage you to reach out to us**
Finally, we encourage you to reach out to us. We understand that some families may have been heavily affected by the pandemic we are facing, and if there is something we can do to facilitate support for your family please reach out to us. We, as a Church, would like to help if you would let us. Please let us know what you need at HSYM@holyspiritfremont.org.

To reiterate my statements in the video, you are dearly missed by us. We cannot wait to be with you all again. Until then, please continue to stay safe and healthy. We are praying for you.

With hope in Christ,
Joe