St. Mary of the Assumption Parish
Office of Faith Formation
2 St. Mary's Hill
Lancaster, NY 14086
"Woven in Christ"

March 2, 2011

Dear Parents of 10th Grade Students,

As you are probably aware, Confirmation preparation is separate from any Religious Education or Catholic High School religion classes. At St. Mary's Parish, we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation sometime in the fall of the student's junior year of high school.

The Diocese of Buffalo requires that parishes begin the formal Confirmation preparation after the successful completion of two years of high school religion classes (Catholic high school or religious education classes). The second step requires that all parents and students attend a special Confirmation meeting. **The student and at least one parent of each student planning to enter the Confirmation program in the fall needs to attend this meeting on**

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2011
At 7:00PM

At this meeting you will receive information concerning St. Mary's Confirmation Program and the requirements and procedures for completion of the preparation for Confirmation. If your family no longer belongs to our parish, or if your child does not wish to be enrolled in our Confirmation program please call or email our office so we can remove his/her name from our list of potential Confirmation candidates.

You will also receive information concerning the dates and times of the Confirmation Retreat. This retreat fulfills the Diocese of Buffalo's requirement that all Confirmation candidates attend a Confirmation retreat. We offer two retreats for your family's convenience, but your child need attend ONLY ONE. This year the retreats have been scheduled for the end of the school year, **Sunday, June 12, 2011, and Saturday, June 18, 2011.** Your child **WILL BE ASSIGNED** a date. However, if there is a conflict that you are aware of now, please call or email me ASAP so we can adjust the schedule accordingly. We have several guidelines, based on the recommendations of the retreat team, that we use in assigning the retreatants to facilitate a good retreat experience for all involved.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting on **March 27th at 7PM in the parish center. Remember if your child plans to be confirmed you and your child must attend this meeting.** If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Office of Faith Formation (683-8564).

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Elaine Driscoll, DRE

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FORM AND BRING TO THE MARCH 27TH MEETING