



# St. James Parish

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## Religious Education Program

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### LETTERS OF LOVE

Dear Parent(s), Guardian(s), Sponsor(s), and Family Members:

As your child's first teachers, the first thing you teach your child is love. When you hugged them, fed them, or soothed their upsets, you teach him/her something of what it is to be loved.

When we gather together as one community for the Confirmation Liturgy, we will be praying for an outpouring of God's Spirit on your child. That Spirit is love. It is your love, support, and prayers which are essential to their being open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation.

Through the years you have faithfully brought your child to the knowledge of the love of God through his son, Jesus Christ. Now your child stands at the threshold of completing Christian Initiation through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation completes Baptismal grace and is a new beginning for living that completeness of life. You can teach him/her that beginning by sharing with your child how much you love the faith and your child. In the form of a letter, tell your child of the love you have been blessed with as you watch him/her grow up, as well as watched him/her grow in the knowledge and love of our Lord. Tell him/her how the gifts of the Holy Spirit have been your comfort and aid over the years.

Recall your own Confirmation Day. Recall your child's day of Baptism and First Communion. Share with your child the joy you experienced on those occasions. Tell your child how he/she is a constant reminder of the love of God in your life. Recall something he/she may have said when "religion" was new. A question, perhaps he/she expressed that reminded you of the wonderful simplicity of "believing as a child." Express your hope and prayers for your child not only as he/she are confirmed, but for the rest of his/her live.

There is no such thing as too much love. Invite brothers, sisters, grandparents, godparents, sponsors, aunts, uncles, cousins and special family friends to share their love of your child. Invite them to share how their love of the faith has been important in their own lives.

Gather up these letters, seal them in a large envelope with your child's name and religion teacher on the outside. Please bring the envelope to class no later than February 27, 2022 for REP students and February 28, 2022 for SJS students.

Thank you for all you do to make your child's Confirmation Day Special.

Sincerely,  
Fillie Duchaine  
Coordinator of Religious Education