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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Very soon now the season for Confirmations will be upon us and you will have to joy of seeing your son or daughter confirmed. These are happy occasions and I very much look forward to meeting you all, and especially to helping the young people by imparting the gift of the Holy Spirit for their onward journey in life.

Confirmation is an opportunity to take a more adult responsibility for one's own faith and to choose to live it more fully.

Every day I pray for you and all those to be confirmed. Please pray for me too.

Here in our Diocese we have many activities that reach out to young people, such as: *Encounter for Young Adults, The Chosen, activities at Holy Family Mission in Glencomeragh, Youth Alpha, Summer Faith Camps* etc. The Diocese now also employs a fulltime *Director of Youth Ministry*. This year in August, we have plans to bring a group of young people to *World Youth Day* in Lisbon.

You will understand that all such services have a cost factor. For this reason, each year around Confirmation time, I propose to offer families an opportunity to contribute to our work for the young people of our Diocese. I thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

I look forward to meeting you on the day itself in your parish.

With every good wish and blessing

Yours sincerely,

Most Reverend Alphonsus Cullinan, DD,
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