## **Confirmation Retreat Opening Prayer**

God of all ages,

You send out your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, Look kindly on our candidates for Confirmation as they seek to hear your voice.

As they embark on this retreat, we pray that you send your Spirit to enlighten, guide, strengthen, console, and open their hearts as they continue to seek a closer relationship with you.

Help them to truly know the deep and abiding love you have for each of them and fill them with the joy of your presence.

As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make us an instrument of your love,

Teach us to reverence what is holy in others and to be patient with what we do not understand.

Deepen our faith and help us to pass it on by our example.

We pray that you continue to guide and sustain us, and teach us the way of love.

We praise you through Christ our Lord.

Amen