**CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS NOTES AND INFO**

**Purpose of Interviews:** To help candidates grow closer to God and their parents and sponsors through having conversations about faith and life.

**Encouragement for Parents and Sponsors:** During your interview, please ask your child/candidate for some of *their* answers to the same questions you are receiving. In other words, use this opportunity to help you get to know one another better.

**Tips/Guidelines for Completing Interviews:**
1. Each of your interviews will take some time. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO DO THESE.** Rather, schedule a date and time for each of your interviews well in advance of their due dates.
2. **All interviews must be *spoken in real time*** and should take place in *person***.  
   a. *Students should NOT simply text or e-mail questions and get typed out responses sent back. We want to ensure communication on a real, human level.*
   b. **If a sponsor is in another state and cannot do the interview in person, a phone or Skype call will suffice.**
3. **Students should summarize the answers they receive on the interview sheets provided (bullet-pointed answers are just fine).** Two main ways this can happen:
   a. **Option 1:** Students ask questions, then write down answers they hear as they go through each question.
   b. **Option 2:** Students ask questions while recording the interview on some kind of a device. Then, later, they play back the interview and either write or type down their answers on the interview sheet.
4. **All interview answers will be kept confidential and will NOT be turned in.** In order to grade this assignment, I will simply ask students to hold up their worksheets so that I can look at them from a few feet away for a second to make sure they have answered each of the questions. If I suspect that the interview was not conducted properly (overly brief summary of answers on the sheet, for instance) then I may e-mail or call parents/sponsors to confirm that the interview took place and then ask the student to re-write their answer summaries on the sheets.
5. **The parent interviews are for both mom and dad.** Students can interview parents together or separately, but students should have a separate answer sheet for each parent. If a special circumstance prevents both parents from being interviewed, please contact Mr. Aitchison so accommodations can be made.