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Dear Parents & Candidates for Confirmation,

We invite you with your parents and families to our final preparation Mass:

MY CONFIRMATION PLEDGE

Saturday 29th February at 6pm in Holy Cross Church

We are very close to our celebration of Confirmation and I encourage you with the support of your family and sponsor to think about the promises you will make on Saturday regarding not taking dangerous or illegal drugs and to refraining from alcohol until an age you can agree with your parents.

Your parents and sponsor are the best people to guide you and support you in thinking about these promises. Please, discuss it with them and pray about it.

MY CONFIRMATION PLEDGE

Dear Candidates, the misuse of alcohol and dangerous or illegal drugs causes untold suffering and heartache in our world today. You have listened and thought carefully about the advice given to you by your parents, sponsor and teachers. I now invite you to make the promise to abstain from alcohol and dangerous or illegal drugs.

Have you discussed the question of misuse of drink and drugs with your parents? Candidates: We have.

Did they promise to help and support You? Candidates: They Did.

Will you promise to listen to the advice of your parents and sponsors? Candidates: I will.

(A moment of silent prayer follows)

I invite you now to make your promise publicly:

My Confirmation Pledge

I promise not to drink alcohol until I am (_____) years old and I ask the Holy Spirit to help me to keep this promise. I also promise not to take dangerous or illegal drugs and to help other people to do the same.

I ask the Holy Spirit to help me to keep this promise.

Parents will you encourage and support these young people in keeping these promises?

Parents/Guardians: We Will

(Overleaf is a copy of the certificate that you will receive on Saturday evening as part of the Mass.)

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, has asked Msgr. Peter Briscoe (*Parish Priest Milltown*) to be celebrant of Confirmation on Friday 6th and 27th March. Both Confirmation Masses will be at 10.30am.

May the Holy Spirit guide and bless you in this time of preparation,

Fr. John Bracken.

Annette Farrell