



30th January 2024

Confirmation Youth Fests

Dear Teacher,

Thank you in anticipation for the assistance which you will give to Catholic children and to their parents when it comes to preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Your work is greatly appreciated.

Various surveys and listening exercises highlight the need for families, parishes and dioceses to consolidate the good work you do. Mindful of this we have organised two *Confirmation Youth Fests* as described in the above poster and letters to pupils and students.

We remain, however, in need of your support in making this opportunity known. I would appreciate, if, over the coming days, you could:

- i. present my letter to your pupils on the class whiteboard,
- ii. give the pupils who express an interest a note to bring home (see sample below),
- iii. host a raffle for the three available Confirmation Ambassador places before Tuesday 6th February (Coláiste Chiaráin, Athlone) or Tuesday 20th February (Summerhill College Sligo), i.e. drawing on the names of pupils who have parental / guardian support
- iv. ask you school secretary to communicate their names to us by emailing Justin Harkin (justin@elphindiocese.ie) on or before Wednesday 7th and 21st February respectively.

If you have any related enquiries please get in touch with Justin at 087 6171526 / justin@elphindiocese.ie .

Thanks again for your ongoing contribution to Catholic Education.

Sincerely,



Kevin Doran
Bishop of Elphin

Suggested Note from Sixth Class Teachers to Parents

Dear Parent / Guardian,

The Elphin Diocese is hosting a *Confirmation Youth Fest* on the morning of Saturday 10th February / Saturday 24th February (9.45 am – 12.45 pm) in Coláiste Chiarain, Athlone / Summerhill College Sligo.

Our class has been invited to send three pupils who intend to request the Sacrament of Confirmation. See www.elphindiocese.ie/youthfest for more information.

Your child is among those who have expressed interest. If s/he has your consent and you can arrange transport to and from the college, please let me know through a brief note in his / her homework journal.

Our class draw for the three places will take place on _____.

Sincerely,

Class Teacher