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Confirmation Youth Fests

Dear Boys and Girls,

Two very important and exciting gatherings will take during February. The first will take place in Coláiste Chiaráin, Athlone on the morning of Saturday 10th February, and the second, in Summerhill College, Sligo, on the morning of Saturday 24th February.

These special gatherings will be our diocese's sixth and seventh *Confirmation Youth Fests* and they are open to girls and boys who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation later this year!

As there are more than 1,200 Sixth Class pupils in our diocese it is not possible to accommodate all of you at these gatherings. I am sorry about that.

In order to reach boys and girls in every class we would like to invite three pupils from each Confirmation class to represent their class in the college nearest to them. These representatives will be known as *Confirmation Ambassadors*.

If you would like to be a *Confirmation Ambassador* you will need to:

- (i) be happy to represent your class,**
- (ii) have your parent(s) / guardian(s) permission to participate,**
- (iii) get your parent(s) / guardian(s) to bring you and collect you,**
- (iv) be open to representing your class in a Treasure Hunt during the Confirmation Youth Fest, and**
- (v) be successful in a class raffle to select the three Confirmation Ambassadors from your class.**

Confirmation Ambassadors will gather at Coláiste Chiaráin, Athlone, on Saturday 10th February, and at Summerhill College, Sligo, on Saturday 24th February. They will need to arrive before 9.45 am and arrange for their parent or guardian to collect them at 12.45 pm.

Both colleges will be open from 9.15 am and we encourage those who represent their schools to be early.

If you are among the Confirmation Ambassadors who will represent your school you will be welcomed by some diocesan volunteers and members of the Knock Youth Ministry Team. They will invite you to participate in an exciting programme that will include fun games, singing, short talks and chats about Confirmation and being a faithful disciple of Jesus ... and a treasure hunt. There will also be some times of prayer and soft drinks and biscuits will be available at break time free-of-charge.

I really hope you will consider volunteering and that your parent(s) / guardian(s) will be able to support you.

Thank you for reading this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Quinn', written over a horizontal line.

Bishop Kevin