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Dear Co-Workers in Christ:

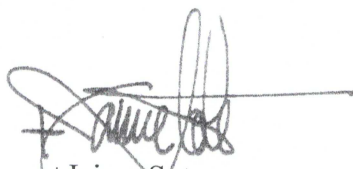
“I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!” Lk 12:49

The evangelization and catechesis of teens and their families is an important responsibility in every parish. More teens are reached by our parish Confirmation programs than by any other means. Excellence in the formation offered during these programs is essential for the future of the Church in the Diocese. We all desire that teens should go forth from their Confirmation as missionary disciples of the Lord Jesus on fire with their faith.

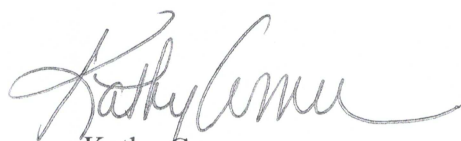
It is for this reason I hereby promulgate the attached document “Norms for the Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation of Teens” with the expectation that these norms will be implemented in parishes starting in September 2016. Additional resources will be developed and distributed by the Department of Evangelization and Catechesis to help you in this implementation. It is my hope that the norms will help you continue to design effective processes of formation for our youth.

Be assured of my abiding prayers for you and the ministry entrusted to us by Christ. May the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary help us all to grow in the image and likeness of her Son, Jesus.

Give at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Sacramento, California, on this, the twenty-third day of October, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and fifteen.



+Jaime Soto
Bishop of Sacramento



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