DIOCESE OF CORK AND ROSS

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Children preparing for First Holy Communion

I am sure that you are delighted to return to school this week. It has not been easy for you and your families since Christmas being apart from your friends and the familiar surroundings of your classroom.

During these difficult times it is good that your families have worked with your school to continue your education and faith formation from home.

Many people have been asking when it will be possible to celebrate First Communion this year. At the moment it is not possible to fix dates for these celebrations which might only cause confusion and possible disappointment.

When it becomes possible to gather safely children yet to receive their First Holy Communion from last year (Third Class) will be the first to do so.

I would suggest to your families that it is better not to purchase Communion 'outfits' at this time as dates cannot be fixed at the moment.

We will be in a better position to fix dates when restrictions are eased. No dates can be set not even provisionally at this stage.

It is important during these difficult times that we continue our faith formation and to prepare spiritually both at home and in school for this important moment in your life. Helpful resources have been made available to schools each month and resources for families are available on the Diocesan Website.

Yours sincerely in Christ

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