



STATEMENT FROM THE ARCHBISHOP OF CASHEL AND EMLY ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION IN THE DIOCESE IN 2020.

Confirmation

Dear Candidates for Confirmation, Parents, Guardians and Teachers.

Due to the very changed circumstances that have affected all our lives since the middle of March it has not been possible to administer the sacrament of confirmation in the Archdiocese.

Now the Archdiocese is working out the best way to confer the sacrament as soon as it is feasible. A group of priests, school personnel and parents are working on a plan to ensure the sacrament is administered in late summer or early autumn.

As soon as the Diocese has organised how this is to be done it will be communicated to all involved.

I thank you for your patience and understanding as we all organise our lives in a way we never would have planned before this pandemic.

First Holy Communion

Dear boys and girls who were hoping to celebrate your First Holy Communion this year. As you know your school has been closed and plans for your first Holy Communion have been postponed to a later date. I would like to let you know that you will receive your First Holy Communion as soon as it is possible to organise through your local school and parish church.

I thank you for your patience and I hope you are making the best of these days away from your friends and schoolmates.

With every good wish and blessing on you and your families,

Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly

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