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Dear Parents and Carers,

Catechesis for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion & Confirmation

May the Lord give you His Peace!

The past few months have been an exceedingly difficult and challenging time for each one of us, both here in Leeds, and throughout the world. Each one of us has had to adapt to new ways of living, working, learning and, yes, worshipping and praying.

Many of you, I know, are anxious about the catechesis for your child in preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation which due to the current restrictions was suspended in mid-March, along with the public celebration of the Mass and other forms of the liturgy. I am aware of how important your child's Sacramental preparation is to you, and also to them, and I wish to assure you that I have not forgotten about you and your child.

I wish to inform you that the catechesis for the First Sacraments will not resume until September at the earliest. It will take time for the Catechists and myself to devise a plan for how we will be able to hold meetings and classes if physical distancing is still required and also to work out a timetable for the classes and future celebrations. These celebrations may need to be celebrated on several different dates and with limited numbers of people able to attend. This information will be made available as soon as possible.

Please be assured of my prayers for you and your family at this time. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's preparation for the First Sacraments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Father Neil P. Byrne

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