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To IC-OLPH Youth and Families,

This afternoon we received notification from Archbishop Eitenne and the Seattle Archdiocese that all public Masses will be suspended due to the growing COVID-19 outbreak in our state. I know it can feel very unnerving to not be able to receive the Eucharist or be in community with other Catholics during this time. Please know that I am personally praying for your family and for our community. During this time, it is important to know that Eucharist will still be celebrated by our faithful priests.

I am working fervently to develop plans in order to ensure that youth are ready and prepared for Confirmation and First Holy Communion this spring. In order to put together online resources for families I have developed a website where you can find:

- Up to date information on what IC-OLPH and the Archdiocese is doing and saying about COVID-19
- Lesson plans for families to work together on for Confirmation
- Confirmation Sponsor workbook for those who were affected by the cancelation of the sponsor/candidate class
- Lesson plans for Middle Schoolers who are preparing for First Holy Communion
- Different ways to practice our faith in the absence of Eucharist

The website is still a work in progress. Please be patient with me as I continue to add more things each day. You can visit the website here: www.icolphyouth.weebly.com

Finally, I want to apologize to anyone who feels like I haven't been as prompt or thorough in my communication in the last week. Like everyone else in the region, I have never dealt with anything quite like this. I am working to get things out as quickly as possible.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

God Bless,
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