

April 15, 2010

Dear First Holy Communicant,

Congratulations during this year of your First Holy Communion! This is an important event for you, your family and the Church. Jesus desires to share His life with you. May you always remain close to Him in the reception of Holy Communion.

On Sunday, June 6, 2010, we celebrate Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. On that Sunday, the Church invites us in a most solemn way to nourish our faith and belief in the Divine Presence of Jesus in His Most Holy Body and Blood. Parishes throughout the Archdiocese have traditionally marked this solemnity with processions with the Most Blessed Sacrament as we adore Jesus.

I am inviting you and all of this year's First Holy Communicants from across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to an Archdiocesan celebration. You and your family are invited to join me for the Corpus Christi Mass and Procession. Of course, your grandparents and godparents would also be most welcome.

Sunday, June 6, 2010
National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA 18901
2:00 p.m.

You are requested to wear your First Holy Communion outfit. First Holy Communicants who attend will be given a special memento of their participation in this Corpus Christi celebration.

Additional information that will help you participate is enclosed with this letter. Please ask your mother, father or guardian to complete the enclosed "Response Form" and return it before May 17, 2010. I look forward to seeing you on this joyful occasion.

Sincerely yours,

Cardinal Justin Rigali
Archbishop of Philadelphia