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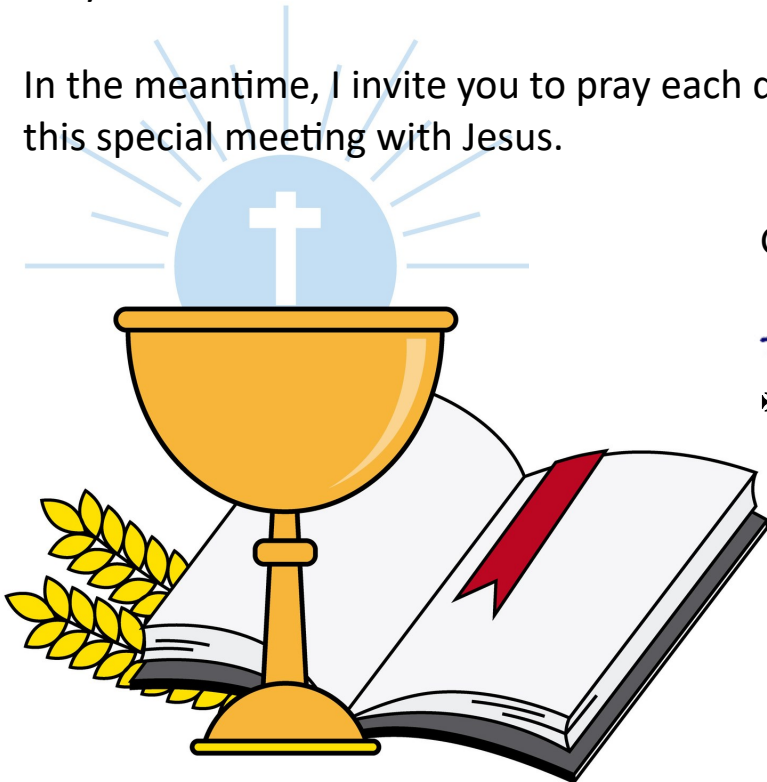
To you, dear child waiting for your First Communion,

Your life and those of your family and friends have changed a lot in the past few weeks. You cannot go to school or meet your friends to play with them.

My life as a bishop and those of the priests are also different. As you know, for everyone's health, in our churches we are not celebrating Mass with the community attending. Still, the priests are offering Mass for their parishioners and their needs, including for you.

I am writing to you because, you were going to make your First Holy Communion around this time. You can see why we are postponing this important event. When church gatherings start again, your parish priest will announce a new date for your First Communion.

In the meantime, I invite you to pray each day in order to prepare yourself for this special meeting with Jesus.



God bless you and your family.

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