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My Dear Parents,

Allow me to begin by expressing my heartfelt congratulations as you prepare for your child to receive Our Lord in the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time.

While it will be a day of many graces for those receiving Reconciliation and, in time, Holy Communion, it will also be an occasion for the Church to celebrate the support, love, and witness that you give your child. On the day of your child's Baptism, you agreed to raise your child in the Catholic faith. How wonderful it is to see your child complete the next step in his/her Christian initiation.

As your child continues to grow in faith, the church stands ready to continue to collaborate with you in the work of formation. More specifically, our parishes and schools are privileged places where your child can continue to learn the beauty of the Catholic faith, experience the wonder and awe of God's presence through prayer and the Sacraments, and develop the virtues needed to become good, effective future leaders of our communities.

To this end, I will lead a meeting for all parents whose child is receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion in your region. The purpose of this meeting is to outline the ways by which our partnership in faith can deepen. I invite you to review the **attached flyer** for the date of your region's meeting. Our gathering will begin at 7:00 pm with prayer, a brief presentation, open conversation, and a closing prayer. Our gathering should end no later than 8:15 pm.

I extend this personal invitation to you in the hope that you will be able to join me for this important gathering. To register, please contact your parish or school faith formation leader.

Please be assured of my prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport