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Dear Father and Deacon,

The advice regarding religious ceremonies published by the Government late this afternoon was as follows:

“It is advised that religious ceremonies such as Baptisms, First Holy Communions and Confirmations should not take place at this time. Further advice will follow on the resumption of these ceremonies when it is safe to do so “

I ask parishes to follow this advice in regard to the celebration of the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Where there are strong pastoral reasons to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism, the family requesting it should be asked to confirm in writing the need to observe current public health guidelines.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dermot Farrell', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

+Dermot Farrell
Archbishop of Dublin