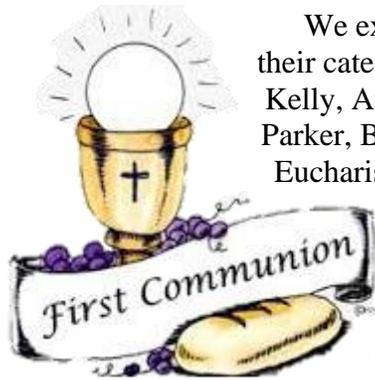


+Dear QOA Families,

In yesterday's Office of Catholic Education's (OCE) Principals' Zoom Meeting, principals were asked to remind all families that if they travel to a hot spot, then to please quarantine for the recommended 14 days. The following is the list of states which Pennsylvania leaders have identified as "at-risk" due to a high rate of the virus: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Pennsylvanians who have visited any of these 26 states recently should quarantine for a full 14 days upon their return. OCE and all elementary schools of the Archdiocese will continue to adhere to the CDC directives.

The QOA faculty and staff are most grateful to you, Parents, in helping to mitigate the spread of germs by keeping your child/ren home when they are not feeling well. If your child/ren will attend classes virtually, kindly contact their teachers the evening before or, at the latest, by 7 a.m. of the day they will participate virtually; otherwise, they may make up the schoolwork upon their return. Your cooperation during this pandemic is appreciated greatly.



We extend our congratulations to our first communicants, to their families, and to their catechists. Our third graders: Madelyn Cole, Kiera Hoch, Katelyn Kelly, Noelle Kelly, Ava Loftus, Damian and Josette Manavi, Mary Katherine McGlasson, Nicholas Parker, Brittany Smalls, and Olivia Wabs were quite excited to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time on Saturday, October 10. The love of Jesus each of the children demonstrated as he/she sang and prayerfully participated throughout the liturgy was inspiring. Their sincere love and joy are a beautiful expression of their faith. May the children continue to experience this gift of Eucharist throughout their lives. Here are a few of their thoughts regarding their First Holy Communion:

**Ava Loftus:** First Communion was great because it was our first time to receive Jesus.

**Noelle Kelly:** Holy Communion was good because we received Jesus in our hearts.

**Brittany Smalls:** Holy Communion made me feel really joyful because we received Jesus for the very first time.

**Damian Manavi:** I felt really important because this was a first in my life – to receive Holy Communion.

**Madelyn Cole:** First Holy Communion felt good because we could actually feel Jesus in our hearts rather than just believe He is in our hearts.

**Olivia Wabs:** I liked First Communion because we waited so long to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

Through the awesome gift of the Eucharist, we hope to become what we receive – Jesus!

In Mary's Immaculate Heart, I am,

*Sister Mary*