

First Communion Homily
April 26, 2009

A. Congratulations – special day for our First Communicants

B. WELCOME MAT

- when a special guest is coming to our home . . . we do all kinds of things to get ready: make it spick and span / put away our paper plates and plastic forks / get out our best silverware and china
- Jesus: comes ... our welcome mat is out ... our virtue: one of hospitality ... courtesy ... a warm gracious welcome
- one of the things we do is to listen to our guest / what Jesus has to say
- two things: “I love you”
- “I will never leave you”
- those are eight great words: I love you / I will never leave you

C. PICTURE OF THE LAST SUPPER

- this past year you have been studying about the Eucharist
- you learned that this gift ... this sacrament ... was given on the night before Jesus died ... at the Last Supper
- you learned that the Eucharist is about Jesus’ self-giving
- ... this is my body/blood given for you
- you learned that Jesus is really present
- MEAL ... so important ... most important piece of furniture in the house – the kitchen table ... where we eat and talk / laugh and cry / tell stories and share life
- Jesus loved to be at table ... telling stories and sharing his life

D. QUILT

- this quilt ... shows / illustrates all kinds of activities
- helping hands / reaching out to others / service projects
- Jesus comes ... not just for us ... but to invite us to share his work / ministry
- we go out of church ... to be kind, helpful, respectful ...
- to make the world a better place / to build God’s kingdom.

Congratulations!

