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This Pastoral Statement may be used by the Clergy in the Parishes to give to Parishioners to give further understanding to the Regulations of Covid-19

THE SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION

Baptism, the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Confirmation together constitute the “Sacraments of Christian initiation” whose unity must be safe guarded.

It must always be taught and explained that the Sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of Baptismal grace.

Hence, we are particularly anguished and disappointed that the celebration of Confirmation Services in our Parishes have had to be suspended.

I wish to extend a vote of gratitude to all the Confirmation Instructors in all our Parishes for the ministry that they are exercising during Lockdown.

I wish to encourage the ongoing pastoring, mentoring and caring of all our Young People in Confirmation Class at this time.

I ask that the Parish Clergy convey to all the candidates a greeting of solidarity and encouragement from me, their Bishop, and minister of Confirmation.

We shall with immediacy upon lifting of the Covid-19 regulations, put plans in place for the administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Yours in Christ,

+Raphael
The Bishop of the Diocese of Saldanha Bay