

From the Catholic East Texa, November 4, 2005 Edition:

To the Editor,

I would like to comment on the article "Sacrament of Confirmation Returned to Before first Communion" in the October 21, 2005 issue of CET. As a member of the lay faithful and having worked in the area of Sacramental Formation for many years in the Diocese of Tyler, I would like to comment on how very pleased I have been to see the wonderful collaboration between our chief shepherd, Bishop Alvaro Corrada, the laity and his presbyterate in the discernment process on the best response to take with this concern raised by the laity at a meeting of the Diocesan Christian Initiation Team.

From the very first moment this concern was brought forth from the laity, Bishop Corrada sought out and listened to comments and concerns from those in faith formation leadership positions from the parishes and Catholic schools all over the Diocese and then carried our concerns to the Presbyteral and Diaconal Councils for their reflection. In full collaboration this concern was openly discussed and prayed about in a discernment process always directed at how to serve the people of the Diocese of Tyler in the fullness of the faith.

The result is Bishop Corrada inviting us to more consciously experience the grace of God given to us in the Sacrament of Confirmation which leads us to more fully, consciously and actively participate in the Eucharist and to receive the commission "to go in peace to love and serve the Lord."

We, in the Diocese of Tyler are blessed in the year 2005 to experience the *taditio* (tradition) received from the Lord Jesus and His apostles lived out today in the local Church.

Sincerely in Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
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