

Coronavirus Update Diocese of Joliet

April 6, 2020

My Brother Priests and Deacons:

I extend my heartfelt best wishes and assurance of my support as we enter the most unusual of Holy Weeks clouded by the pandemic – Coronavirus 2020.

You are to be commended for fully implementing the stay-at-home directives of Governor Pritzker. In this regard I ask you to remain steadfast. Secondly in the midst of all this, you have exercised ministry with great imagination, integrating technology, the telephone, written communications, etc. to bring hope and comfort to our people. In particular, I applaud you for your care for the elderly, the fearful, and those who have contracted the disease. Also, I cite with appreciation those who have been attentive to funerals, etc. that came upon us in these days.

For my part, I will continue to celebrate via live-streaming the Holy Week celebrations from the Cathedral of St. Raymond, have prepared an Easter video for distribution, and will be making the customary robo-calls to members of the Diocese of Joliet. If you have further suggestions, please let me know. You are welcome to contact me at (515) 822-5488 if I can be of further help.

Again, be assured of my heartfelt prayer and ongoing support.

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Enclosures (4)

- Invitation to Holy Thursday online gathering for Priests
- Updated Live-Stream Information
- From USCCB: Invitation to Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Good Friday
- Decree regarding the Easter Obligation