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Ushers and Greeters in IC and OLGC parishes:

Attached is the latest update from the Bishop regarding the Coronavirus.

I have already visited with several staff persons at both parishes regarding how we will implement this in order to take preventative measures to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus. And I will be speaking at the beginning of all Masses regarding this.

During this time, we:

1. have removed holy water from hand fonts and provide hand sanitizer at church entrances
2. asking all greeters to refrain from shaking hands or touching parishioners and to not hand out bulletins or other materials. These materials may be placed at the doors to be taken.
3. Removed all song books, papers, and other loose materials from the pews.
4. Reminding the lay faithful, if possible, to sit with some distance between one another.
5. Taking the collection as people enter the church—and thus there is no collect at the usual time or after Holy Communion. Before Holy Communion, please place the collection baskets in the Reconciliation Room for safe keeping until the collection counters retrieve them.
6. Suspending the procession of the offertory gifts. The bread and wine will be placed on the credence table before Mass.
7. Are asking everyone to refrain from greeting the priest and others after Mass with handshakes or physical contact.

We are not trying to create any alarm or panic—but to reassure people we will do our best to manage this issue in our area.

Again, please remember to wash your hands regularly with soap and water while slowing praying the Hail Mary two times.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Peace,  
Fr. Mark