

My Dear Friends,

I have every expectation that we will have Christmas Masses celebrated in public with congregations and with all the health related precautions we have become accustomed to now for several months. However, the number of positive cases and critical patient admissions to hospitals due to COVID-19 is growing at a concerning rate. We know much more about this virus than we did in March. The Churches have been safe places because you have sacrificed and taken this very seriously; for that, I am extremely grateful. At this point, I must implore you in the strongest possible terms to use face coverings when indoors, to observe all the guidelines we have about safe social distancing, and to make frequent use of hand sanitizer. This is imperative for us and our ability to continue public worship in a safe way during this pandemic.

Know of my prayers for you and your families during this pandemic and this Season of Advent.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop Brennan