



## DIOCESE OF TRENTON

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March 20, 2020

Dear PCL's,

During this difficult time, we are trying to keep you informed as quickly as we can with the latest information from the Bishop. Please take the time to read all emails and share the necessary information with your teams, ministries, families and parishioners.

All Religious Education classes are to be cancelled until further notice; I am advising all programs to follow the Governor's directive – that schools are closed indefinitely until deemed safe by the Board of Health to return.

Decisions on First Holy Communion dates are being discussed in parishes, I am advising you to discuss First Holy Communion with your Pastor. Currently there will be no public Masses offered in the Diocese through Easter Sunday. As the situation changes, we will update you; this could go further but as of today, I do not have a definite answer. If you postpone a First Holy Communion, I would be careful not to assign a new date until you have more information.

A few resources:

- **Share the Bishop's video message with the faithful - click below for the video.**  
[COVID -19: A Message to the Faithful from Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.](#)
- **Click below for Bishop's Decree regarding Holy Week:**  
[Bishop's decree announces livestreaming and postponements for Holy Week liturgies](#)
- **Catechetical Resources** are continually being added for you to use on the website:  
<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/catechetical-leader-resources>
- **Click here for a listing of televised Masses**

Contact me anytime during this most difficult time.

+Peace in Christ

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