Decree

Due to the continuing health emergency and because the requirements of the Great Fast may prove to be an unusual hardship, for the well-being of the people of the Eparchy of Parma and for the common good, I hereby delegate pastors, parish administrators, and other priests in good standing in the Eparchy of Parma the power to dispense those individuals (canon 988, §§1,3 CCEO) who approach them from the requirements of the Great Fast.

I encourage all the faithful to pray daily for those who are ill, especially the elderly. I also encourage viewing and participation in the Divine Liturgy offered through the media. Sacrificial acts and personal prayer are also most appropriate during this challenging time.

Given on this 20th day of March, 2020 at the Office of the Bishop of the Eparchy of Parma.

The Most Reverend Milan Lach, S.J.
Bishop of the Eparchy of Parma

Notary