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Dear fellow parishioners,

Effective today, March 14, at the recommendation of our Diocesan Office of Lifelong Faith Formation, and after consulting with Father Kevin, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish is suspending **all forms of *gathered* parish faith formation until April 12, 2020** to help slow the spread of the Covid-19 virus. **This includes the adult bible series on Lectio Prayer.** This decision is made for the common good and for the people of God entrusted in our care—many of whom are considered high risk and vulnerable. We are asking everyone to use the time they usually devote for Faith Formation by accessing online resources to continue with catechesis and formation in their own homes. Here are some helpful resources we are recommending:

- “Catholic Icing.com” and “Catholic Mom.com” are excellent weekly sources for children.
- Formed.org has excellent Catholic Faith material for adults and children. Click sign-up, select “I belong to a parish or organization,” put in the zip code 04619, enter your email, and you’re in!
- USCCB.org has daily readings.
- Liturgical Press is making the digital additional of their periodical “Give Us this Day” (includes daily Mass texts) available at no cost. Visit GUTD.net and select “Digital” in the upper right of the screen. As the publisher stated, “While it is not a replacement for community worship, we hope this resource will support you during this challenging time.”
- U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (available in print and digital forms) <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/us-catholic-catechism-for-adults/>
- “Ascension Presents” YouTube Channel is a good resource.
- Loyola Press.com is a good Catholic Faith resource.

Since Easter is Sunday, April 12, and the following week, April 19 is the beginning of Spring Vacation, our plan is to resume Faith Formation classes on Sunday April 26

Please join us in praying for all those affected by the virus. Here is a prayer, we are recommending that you pray with your family:

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.
Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.
For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.
In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.
We come to you with confidence,

knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

We do encourage you to attend Mass with your family, as this is the heart of our faith and participating in the celebration of the Eucharist is our very life. When one is unable to participate in Mass because of an illness or due to an increased risk of becoming ill, there are still ways to participate in Masses on several platforms. Here are some ways to livestream or participate in Mass from home:

ONLINE

Our Lady of Hope Parish, Portland

Viewers can visit www.ladyofhopemaine.org and participate in Masses from St. Pius X Church in Portland on Mondays through Fridays at 9 a.m., Saturdays at 4:30 p.m., and Sundays at 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.

Parish of the Holy Eucharist, Falmouth

Viewers can visit www.facebook.com/ParishOfTheHolyEucharist and participate in Masses from Holy Martyrs Church in Falmouth on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 7:30 a.m.; Saturdays at 4 p.m.; and Sundays at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. During Lent, the schedule is Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 5:30 p.m.; Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m.; Saturdays at 4 p.m.; and Sundays at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Bangor

Viewers can visit <https://stpaulbangor.me/watch-mass-live> or www.facebook.com/StPaulBangor and participate in Masses from St. Mary Church in Bangor on Mondays through Fridays at 8:30 a.m. and Sundays at 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. They can also participate in Masses from St. John Church in Bangor on Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

TELEVISION

EWTN-TV

Viewers can participate in daily Masses at 8 a.m. and noon, seven days a week, and at 7 p.m. every day but Sunday. The Masses are broadcast over the air and online (www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live).

CatholicTV

CatholicTV also broadcasts Masses at 9:30 a.m. each day over the air and online (www.catholictv.org/masses/catholictv-mass).

RADIO

Relevant Radio

On the radio, listeners can participate in Masses every night at 8:30 p.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m. on Relevant Radio. The network is available on a variety of platforms:

- on 106.7 FM in Portland, 105.7 FM in Springvale/Sanford, 97.5 FM in Fort Kent, 90.3 FM in Bangor, 89.7 FM in Bath/Brunswick, 89.5 FM in Augusta, and 1390 AM in northern Maine;
- at www.relevantradio.com/listen; or
- on smartphones by downloading the Relevant Radio app.

Parishioners can continue to support their local parish, even when they cannot attend Mass, through the WeShare online giving option. Please also know that our parish depends upon your financial assistance to help us meet our operating budget, if you have not done so, consider giving online by visiting the following link:
<https://sktparish.weshareonline.org>

I will be reaching out to everyone as updates or additional online resources are made available.

God Bless,

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