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To: All Priests, Deacons, Religious, Seminarians, and All Faithful People in the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama
From: Bishop Robert Baker

'Safer at Home' order issued by governor

On April 28, 2020, Governor Kay Ivey issued her "Safer at Home" order, which stated houses of worship must remain closed for public gatherings. The order provided no target date for re-opening.

In a joint response to the April 28 order, Mobile Archbishop Thomas Rodi and Birmingham Bishop Robert Baker noted they continue to respect the advice and guidelines offered by state, local, and medical authorities when making decisions that directly affect the Catholic faithful of Alabama. While the suspension of public Masses is extended again, parishes are still encouraged to offer online liturgies and other creative solutions, in accord with state and local guidelines.

The Diocese of Birmingham will, at the proper time, release diocesan guidelines for the return to public celebrations of the Mass. For updates, please visit www.bhmdiocese.org.

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