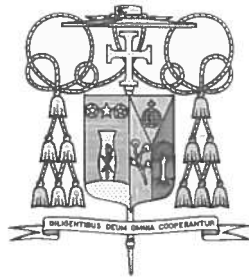


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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As our challenges increase because of the COVID-19 Virus, know that my prayers for you continue.

Our priorities now need to be focused on safety, health and the common good. With that in mind, I am asking you to follow closely the directives and guidelines of our government officials and health professionals especially in regard to "social distancing" and "stay at home" directives.

Our Catholic teaching tells us to have great respect for life. That respect and Catholic teaching need to be evident in the manner in which we respond to this pandemic and the safety of our communities. Taking the proper precautions now – even though inconvenient and difficult - may save thousands of lives.

Let us unite our sufferings to the suffering Christ.

I know the Holy Spirit will continue to guide us in wisdom.

Rejoice in hope. Be patient in trials. Persevere in prayer.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Guillory".

Most Rev. Curtis J. Guillory, SVD, DD
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