



Dear Diocesan Members,

A fraternal greeting in the Lord!

Following Premier Legault's press conference on Sunday, March 15, 2020, during which he ordered the closure of all places where people gather, the Executive of the Assembly of Quebec Catholic Bishops (AÉCQ) met urgently. It has produced the following message which I am sending to you, which I fully support, and which I ask you to respect.

This means that there will be no Masses or any other celebration during the week in our Diocese in churches or residences and homes. The same applies to baptisms, funerals and weddings until further notice.

As clearly stated in the Executive's message, I invite pastors or parish leaders to contact the families or individuals concerned to postpone commitments already made. This has consequences for the life of our parishes and for the pastoral staff. I appeal to your understanding and solidarity.

Further news on other pastoral or administrative aspects will reach you shortly, as developments unfold.

Enclosed you will find the message of the Executive of the AÉCQ and the prayer of Pope Francis who keeps us in hope. Let us remain united in prayer and mutual support!

Your Bishop,
+ Noel