

Message to Pastors from Jim Kelley dated March 20, 2020

In this email, I want to share several items:

1. Please see an attached copy of some guiding principles to use going forward in this crisis.
2. Please see an attached newsletter that Father Putnam and his staff shared with me (*editor's note: Rev. John Putnam, St. Mark's Catholic Church, Diocese of Charlotte*). They already put out a version of the letter I sent Thursday. This newsletter was put on the parish's website and emailed to parishioners. Again, sending communications using multiple ways is important. As I receive other ideas from other parishes or other sources, I will share them with you.
3. Another idea Father Putnam and his staff shared is he had 27 staff and volunteers contact 273 people who are over age 70 and do not have an email address on file in their parish database. Please see an attached script. Again, as I said, connecting with your parishioners is critical.
4. Please see an attached video message from Father Sutter. It is in the link below. (*Rev. Richard Sutter, St. Gabriel Catholic Church, Charlotte*).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pykbDXV5v64&feature=youtu.be>

5. Patricia Guilfoyle and I are working on an online offertory giving story. It will stress the importance of continuing to give, list/link to parishes that already have on line giving and explain how to make your offertory gift if you can't give online by listing parish mailing addresses. This story will appear in the March 27 issue of The Catholic News Herald.

Let my office know what we can do to help you and your parishioners.

Jim