

March 27, 2020

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Dear <Name>,

Without a doubt, we are navigating uncharted waters in the life of our Church and the greater communities in which we live. The current COVID-19 health crisis has led to extraordinary measures being taken throughout the world and in our diocese as well. Please know that my heart has been heavy for the spiritual hardship this has presented to you and your family, and all the faithful of our diocese. My prayers and intentions are with you daily.

The vital work of our diocesan Church continues. The global pandemic has created new challenges for everyone, including the Diocese of Fargo. With social distancing in place, Mass and other activities have been suspended at our parishes. However, much is still being done behind the scenes to support our parishes and all the members during this difficult time. The life of your diocese continues. It is imperative that we maintain the important work of evangelization, caring for our parishes, providing outreach and education, and reaching those who are homebound. Please see the enclosed insert on live-streaming of daily and Sunday Masses. Bishop Sullivan had a dream of broadcasting Mass from the Cathedral. His installation of cameras and broadcast technology is the foundation of what we are able to offer today.

Please prayerfully consider what you can do to support the Church through God's Gift Appeal and your local parish. Your support, now more than ever, is needed and greatly appreciated.

The ministries and programs sponsored by the Diocese of Fargo, and listed in the enclosed brochure, depend on the generous support of you and many others throughout our diocese. Thank you for your continued support of God's Gift Appeal

It is a privilege to serve as your bishop, and I assure you, especially in these times of great challenge to our diocesan family and community as a whole, that I remember all the people of the Diocese of Fargo in my prayers every day. Please keep me in your prayers as well, and thank you for your love for Jesus Christ and his Church. God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

† Most Reverend John T. Folda
Bishop of Fargo