

# COVID-19

Update #1






## Opening Prayer

O Mary, you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith  
firm.

You know what we need,  
and we are sure you will provide  
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,  
we may return to joy and to feasting  
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows  
to lead us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.  
Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver  
us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



## Highlights About the Church from Pope Francis Address of His Holiness Pope Francis, September 21, 2019

- ▶ You have reflected on a central theme for evangelization: how to ignite the desire to know God despite the signs that obscure His presence.
- ▶ And it ends up being a beautiful museum piece rather than the simple and joyful home of the Father.
- ▶ What our brothers and sisters often ask of us, perhaps without being able to ask the question, corresponds to their deepest needs: to love and be loved, to be accepted for what one is, to find peace of heart and a joy that is more lasting than entertainment.
- ▶ How important it is to feel challenged by the questions of the men and women of today! Without pretending to have immediate answers and without giving pre-packaged answers, but sharing words of life, not aimed at making proselytes, but at leaving room for the creative force of the Holy Spirit, Who frees the heart from the slavery that oppresses and renews it.
- ▶ In the light of this kerygma the life of faith develops, which is not a complicated construction made up of many bricks to be put together, but the ever new discovery of the “fundamental nucleus”, the beating “heart of the Gospel ... the beauty of the saving love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ Who died and rose from the dead” (ibid., 36).
- ▶ Since faith is a life that is born and reborn from the encounter with Jesus, that which in life is an encounter helps us to grow in faith: approaching those in need, building bridges, serving those who suffer, caring for the poor, “anointing with patience” those who are close to us, comforting those who are discouraged, blessing those who harm us... In this way we become living signs of the Love we proclaim.

# Our plan during the COVID-19 Pandemic

On March 13, I sent a Memorandum with the following guidance:

**Create a plan that includes at least the following:**

- a. How and when will parents be notified of the changes in schedule and programming?
- b. Who should parents contact during this period?
- c. How will catechists and/or youth group leaders assist remotely during this time?
- d. What resources will be available online? in printed form?
- e. How will student progress be monitored and evaluated?
- f. How will adjustments be made to meet program requirements (service hours for Confirmation, retreat, etc.)?
- g. What are the plans once the health situation ends?

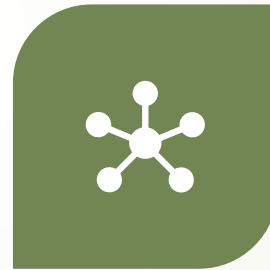
# Purpose for GO TO MEETING



SHARE  
INFORMATION AND  
BEST PRACTICES



PROVIDE FORUM  
FOR OUTREACH



CREATE A SUPPORT  
NETWORK



DETERMINE NEEDS



## Share Information



Weekly Secretariat Resources



On-line postings



Publishers



Partners



Personal experiences



Best practices



## Provide a forum for outreach



How do we address the needs of those we serve?



How do we reach out to our various groups and individuals?



What resources do we provide?



What types of media do we use?



What does our social media look like?



## Create a support network



For yourself



For your family



For your team



For those in your parish, Catholic academy and parish school





What are  
the needs?



Your particular needs



The needs of the parents,  
students, catechists, aides,  
volunteers



Other needs



# Issues for next GO TO MEETING on March 25

Send any items to [tmusco@diobrook.org](mailto:tmusco@diobrook.org) by March 23