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Circular
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Dear Rev Fathers, brothers & sisters,

This circular is regarding the upcoming retreats and parish/mission activities in light of the risk evaluations concerning COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

We have been monitoring the announcements from the Federal and States/ Territories governments regarding the development of Coronavirus and its challenges. As the situation stands, we understand from Health announcements of government authorities that at this stage there is no need to cancel the retreats, Sacraments and catechism Classes.

Therefore, my recommendation to you would be to continue the retreats and other community activities as scheduled until there comes announcements from Federal, State/Territories government agencies to cancel all community/social gatherings.

The safety of all of our people is of paramount importance to the Eparchy. I request you to take utmost care telling people to take care of their health according to the advice given by health departments. This time of emergency requires from all of us prudence, care and concern avoiding all sorts of panic and anxiety.

However, I request parish priests/chaplains and committee members to monitor Federal, State/Territory governments and local Latin Diocese announcements and take prudent decisions according to the local situation, informing the Eparchy.

I exhort all the faithful and communities to continue to pray especially for those who have been affected. May the healing touch of Jesus, come upon us!

Yours in Jesus,

+Bosco Puthur
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