



Eparchy of Faridabad

Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese in Delhi

19 March 2020

Dear and Reverend Fathers,

In continuation to my previous Circular and with reference to this evening's Prime Minister's Address to the Nation and the Press Conference of the Chief Minister of Delhi, with much pain and mental agony, we decide to close down all our Churches for public worship, including the Sunday services.

However, all the priests are exhorted to celebrate Holy Mass in the Church daily. As you know, it can be put on live streaming so that our people can watch and pray simultaneously at home. For this, you can get collaboration of our youngsters or IT personnel who can record and stream it online, and/or put it in the social media groups. Otherwise, please advise our faithful to follow Holy Mass in the Television or social media network.

This is the time to show our pastoral solicitude and nearness to the people. All should be more available on phone or e-mail.

This instruction is valid till 31 March and after that we shall follow it up with further guidelines.

Together with taking care of the people, promoting social distance and home isolation, please be prudent and careful about your own health,

Invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, the protector of the Church, whose Feast we celebrate today,

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