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Subject: Update Letter from Bishop Brennan

(Sorry for the delay in getting Bishop Brennan's Update out to you today – ongoing problems with remote access to my Diocesan e-mail account, so I am sending this from my PCJ account.)

Fathers,

Thanks for all your help and patience these days. With your feedback we are preparing a working draft of some general guidelines and suggestions which allow pastors to adapt to particular circumstances. I am looking to have a conference or webinar on Friday afternoon (May 8). We will follow up with information on how to connect to that conference tomorrow or Thursday.

In the meantime, I have been hearing some encourage words that I want to share with you. While, as you can imagine, I get some negative letters about the suspension of the public celebration of Holy Mass, I also get a lot of very positive feedback from people telling me how much they appreciate their priests and the Church especially these days. One pastor told me he was moved deeply when a procession of about 130 cars passed through the parking lot with signs of support for the priests.

Along those lines may I share two links with you.

1. The same priest shared a link to Bishop Barron's reflection on the Church in this time of pandemic. It is actually quite inspiring. You can find it at <https://youtu.be/QqRIm6QSuQY>
2. Adam Dufault shared a link of appreciation created by a number of our families: <https://youtu.be/o51-oxhN3CI> . I hope you will enjoy these as much as I did.

Fraternally,
Bishop Brennan