



**DIOCESE OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**  
**OFFICE OF THE BISHOP**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us always!

The public celebration of Masses and the distribution of Holy Communion has resumed in many of our parishes. I thank you for your cooperation with following your parish safety plans, which include social distancing, cloth face coverings, and procedures for cleaning the church building, among other details. This weekend, many parishes will start Phase III with additional religious services, other ministries, and limited access to buildings on church property. Streaming of Masses and services continues to be provided by many parishes.

Until further notice, the faithful remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. However, all are reminded of the obligation to keep holy the Lord's Day in some manner.

We are grateful that we can begin the gradual process of reopening our parishes. At the same time, let us not forget to pray for those who suffer from this virus and those who care for them. We pray for those who have died, and their families, and those who suffer unemployment and financial hardship. Let us do our best to help each other.

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: Pray for us who have recourse to thee. Jesus, I trust in you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop Andrew Bellisario, C.M.