



DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

(Bishop James Powers responds to the Wisconsin Supreme Court decision.)

May 14, 2020

Easter Season Greetings from the Chancery in Superior. Last night's Wisconsin Supreme Court decision striking down most of Governor Evers' Safer At Home Order was expected. However, it was also expected that the decision would be stayed for a few days to allow a safe and smart response. The Diocese will not be making any changes at this time.

We continue to pray for all those infected by Covid19 and for the medical providers and other workers at risk of exposure. I also continue to pray daily for all in our Diocese, especially our priests, parish staff and parishioners during these times of no Mass and Eucharist.


I am pleased that most of our Diocesan churches have been open for holy hours of private prayer with 9 or less people at a time, and many have provided livestreamed and recorded Mass.

I have been steadily working on a plan with the other four Bishops of the State to resume Holy Communion services for less than 10 parishioners at a time to start in the next week or two. Also, I am working on a plan to resume limited public weekend Mass as soon as it seems prudent, of course with health precautions, attendance limits, social distancing, etc.

Again, at this time, the Diocese of Superior will not make any immediate changes. We will be reassessing the situation daily as the State of Wisconsin and our local governments determine the new Covid19 rules.

Let us keep our hope in the Risen Christ during this time. Mother Mary, pray for us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Most Rev. James P. Powers
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