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MEMORANDUM

To: All Bishops

From: Reverend Monsignor J. Brian Bransfield, General Secretary

Date: February 28, 2020

Subject: Liturgical Celebrations and Public Health Concerns

Your Eminence / Your Excellency,

I take this opportunity to convey to you the enclosed memorandum from Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair, Archbishop of Hartford and Chairman of the Committee on Divine Worship, regarding liturgical celebrations amid public health concerns regarding the spread of the coronavirus.

I am pleased to offer one final consideration on this topic: sample petitions, below, which may be included during the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass.

- For those who are suffering in the current outbreak of sickness that they might be healed, and for the happy repose of all who have died from this sickness in recent weeks; let us pray to the Lord
- For scientists, health professionals, public officials, and all who are serving the common good in this difficult and uncertain time, that they will be filled with wisdom and understanding; let us pray to the Lord.
- That in times of illness our merciful and loving Father will strengthen our faith and trust in his goodness and divine providence; let us pray to the Lord.
- That our compassionate Father would touch all affected by the current outbreak with healing and peace; let us pray to the Lord.

Thank you for your kind attention to this memorandum.