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RE : CANCELLATION OF ALL CELEBRATIONS IN THE CHURCHES OF THE DIOCESE

To priest moderators and collaborators,
To all the faithful in the diocese,

To collaborate with guidelines given these last days by the New Brunswick Public Health authorities, here are the last decisions taken for our Diocese:

1. Cancellation of **all** the celebrations and **all** the public activities in the churches of the Edmundston Diocese: Sunday and weekday masses, funerals, baptisms, weddings, etc.
2. Likewise, it is also important to postpone all the parish and diocesan activities: sessions, meetings, fund raising activities, etc.

All of these in order to protect persons and prevent by all means the spread of COVID-19.

Be assured that your bishop and your priests are united with you in prayer. In their private celebration of the Eucharist, you will surely all be included in their daily prayers.

The priests remain available for anyone in need of their services: sacrament of the sick, confession, accompaniment of person in mourning etc. You are invited to follow the same rules for the older priest of the diocese as for the elders of the community.

We are in the period of Lent, but our faith also suggests that in these difficult times for our country and our planet, we must together turn towards our Master of the impossible to ask of his protection and strength to go through these difficult times we are in.

Some religious activities, T.V. Mass, Rosary, or others with their schedules will be suggested to you by your parish priest so we may all be united in prayer at a distance.

a) <https://dailytvmass.com/>

b) https://sjvnews.net/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMI-9aPqMik6AIVBK7ICh2_zAgCEAAAYAiAAEgIIZ_D_BwE

Be assured of my prayers during this very special time in our Church and in our world.

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