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SUBJECT Catholic Bishops of Ohio Extend Suspension of All Publicly Celebrated Masses/Liturgies Through May 29, 2020

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On April 27, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine presented a strategy to begin a multi-phased plan for Ohioans to gradually return to work and daily activity. To that end, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio extend the temporary suspension of all publicly celebrated Masses/liturgies ending on May 29th, with the hope of publicly celebrating together the Solemnity of Pentecost on the weekend of May 30/31. Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., once again, dispense the Catholic faithful who reside in the Diocese of Youngstown and all other Catholics currently in this territory from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass during this time.

Over the next few weeks personnel of the Diocese of Youngstown will be working diligently as to consider reasonable, gradual and responsible initiatives for welcoming back the faithful to Sunday Mass.

Bishop Murry states that the decisions to temporary suspend all publicly celebrated Masses/liturgies is a difficult one. He recognizes the sacrifice we are called to make being physically distant from the Mass and from one another. The bishop remains grateful for your understanding and support.

Together as the Diocese of Youngstown we continue to pray for all who are suffering from Covid19, for all health care workers and first responders, for all the deceased and their families, and for an easing of anxiety and tension caused by this pandemic.

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