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**DIOCESE OF MISSISSAUGA,
Vancouver and Western Canada**



In the Name of The Father and The Son and The Holy Spirit, One God Amen.

Dear beloved Fathers and beloved congregations,

Let us give thanks to God in everything, concerning everything, and for everything.

Let us pray from the bottom of our hearts, asking God to allow the Holy Sacrifice to be offered daily on the altar of each and every one of our churches.

This is the time when heaven is open, to ask us what we want.

Let us ask God to keep the doors of His church open at all times, for us all.

Let us be positive during this difficult and uncertain time, and benefit from it by strengthening our spiritual lives.

Let us encourage our congregations and ourselves, to spend our time at home, in prayer, reading the Bible, and praising God.

Let us not lose our faithful conviction that God is, now and forever, in control of everything, including the coronavirus.

We need to understand for certain that: fear and doubting our loving God are the worst things that Satan wants to enroot in us, to ruin our lives.

Let us encourage each other to repent, and to live a life of repentance.

Let us encourage each other to forget our disputes and our hatred: it is time to reconcile with God, with ourselves, and with others.

Let us encourage ourselves and our congregations to follow all healthy precautions to protect ourselves, and to keep ourselves, our loved ones, and our community safe.

Let us ask our beloved Almighty God, to shorten this period and allow us to joyfully celebrate His Holy Resurrection.

May God bless all.

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