May God bless you!

I have one update this week. We have had a number of calls from people very worried about the spread of COVID-19 and concerned about people not wearing masks to Church. Mask wearing at Mass is required, not optional. I want to stress again the value of you as pastors communicating about the importance of wearing a mask and social distancing and your own practice of these public health practices in all settings. In addition to my directives on these practices from May 11 and the additional communication I have shared on this topic, mask wearing is an order from the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Most important to us, of course, is the common good, which mask-wearing serves during this pandemic. (The only exception to a parishioner wearing a mask would be a medical issue that precludes that individual from wearing one. I know some pastors have devised creative solutions, such as separate seating areas, for people who cannot wear masks.) Thank you for your continued good work and outreach during this COVID-19 pandemic. As always, you are in my prayers.

Fraternally yours in our Lord,

Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D.

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