



DECREE

Out of concern for the prevention of the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19, and following consultation with other Bishops, the College of Consultors, and the Deans, in accord with canons 838 §§1 and 4 of the *Code of Canon Law*, I hereby suspend the public celebration of Masses in the Diocese of Evansville until further notice.

I encourage the faithful to join me in prayer for all affected by this illness and to unite themselves spiritually with the Masses which I and the priests will continue to offer without the presence of a congregation.

The provisions of this decree are effective 18 March 2020, all things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us!

Given at Evansville, Indiana
16 March 2020

Most Reverend Joseph M. Siegel, DD, STL
Bishop of Evansville

Tim McGuire
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