



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

March 23, 2020

Dear Monsignor/Father,

It is my prayer that this letter finds you well during our Lenten Season. The coronavirus pandemic is causing all to be vigilant, and creative in our pastoral duties to the Parishioners.

The Holy Father has invited all Christians, not just Catholics, around the globe to unite in praying the Our Father at noon on Wednesday, March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation. Pope Francis is offering this opportunity so the Lord, Our Savior, will hear all of Christendom united in prayer on this issue.

All are asked to promote this prayer request on Facebook to Parishioners and to broadcast the Our Father at noon on Facebook Live. I will be joining you on behalf of the Diocese in support of the Holy Father's request.

Allow me to extend my appreciation as you continue to live stream Masses during this time. Many have utilized Parish websites and Facebook pages to communicate with the Faithful, who are clearly responding.

Please continue to be creative in using email, websites, and social media avenues so as to communicate with Parishioners. This communication can be to promote online Mass time viewing, and other liturgical events such as praying the rosary, Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and to offer other words of encouragement.

Be assured of my continued prayers for you and the Faithful throughout our Parishes and the Diocese of Venice. May Our Lord bless you for the good work you do.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida