

April 1, 2020

Dear Sendai Diocese 6<sup>th</sup> District Parishioners,

**Precautionary Measures Concerning COVID-19 from 4<sup>th</sup> April and Beyond**

The spread of infections and serious cases due to COVID-19 have been reported one after another, and Church activities such as public masses have been suspended in different parts of the world. Fortunately, in Tohoku region, the number of people infected is not increasing. But, even if these cases have been identified in different areas, the spread of the virus is unpredictable. Furthermore, considering the situation in Japan, it is difficult to stop the increase in the number of infected people.

In light of this circumstances, we have decided to temporarily suspend the Foreign Language Masses at the Sendai Diocese Cathedral Mototerakoji Church from 4<sup>th</sup> April and beyond. Kindly take note of the following specific precautionary measures:

1. **From April 4 (Saturday), there will be no Foreign Language Masses at 2:00 p.m.** All parishioners are dispensed from their obligations to attend Sunday Mass. In spite of this, we encourage everyone to continue their personal connection with the Lord through reading the Scriptures and personal prayers.
2. However, those who wants to receive communion on Sunday, you may go to the Cathedral or other parishes of the 6<sup>th</sup> District during their one-hour schedule of Sunday Masses. Thank you.

The decision was made after a thorough reflection and discussion during the Priest's Meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> District.

- ✧ We will make an announcement again when we are going to resume Holy Masses after taking into considerations the situation.

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