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Subject: Update Letter to Priests

Brother priests:

The month of May is traditionally set aside to honor the special role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the life of the Church. In light of the global pandemic sweeping our world, the month will begin in a very special way. The Bishops of the United States in conjunction with the Bishops of Canada have made a collaborative decision to re-consecrate both countries to the intercession and protection of Our Lady under the title of Mary, Mother of the Church on Friday, May 1st at 3 PM EDT. As Archbishop Gomez, the President of the USCCB noted "This will give the Church the occasion to pray for Our Lady's continued protection of the vulnerable, healing of the unwell, and wisdom for those who work to cure this terrible virus." This event will be aired live on the EWTN Television Network (check listings for appropriate cable channel), the EWTN Facebook page, or on St. Gabriel Radio, (AM 820, Columbus; FM 88.3 Portsmouth). If you have not done so already please widely share this information with your parishioners and others, in addition to these two web page links:

Diocesan link: <https://columbuscatholic.org/marian-devotions>

USCCB link: <http://www.usccb.org/about/communications/consecration.cfm>

Site specific information for confessions with telephone information to make appointments in advance it on the Diocesan web page. This information went live earlier today. Please widely share this information with parishioners and others: <https://columbuscatholic.org/confession-information> . Just a reminder to have all previously stated health and safety precautions in place to ensure a safe environment for those seeking to have their confessions heard.

We have ordination dates set for the diaconate and the priesthood:

- Mr. Jacob Stinnett of our Diocese and Mr. Emmanuel Ingabire of the Diocese of Ginkongoro (Rwanda) are schedule to be ordained on Friday, June 12, 7 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral.
- Deacon Frank Brown, Deacon Michael Fulton, and Deacon Seth Keller are set to be ordained to the presbyterate on Saturday, June 13, tentatively set for 10:00 a.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral.

More information on these ordinations will be forthcoming. The new multiple 4K camera set-up at the Cathedral affords us the opportunity for high-quality live-streaming on YouTube, Facebook, and other platforms.

On this Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena, today's optional Gospel from Matthew is worth meditating on during these days of labor: *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."*

God bless,

+Bishop Brennan