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Dear Brother Priests,

Since most states and local governments are easing some of the measures put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic, I want to write to thank you for all you have done for your parishioners during this time of great need.

The dispensation from the obligation of attending Sunday Divine Liturgy will continue until further notice, nonetheless, I ask that we continue to keep our Churches open and to offer private or public liturgies, depending on the size of gatherings allowed by local or state law. Thank you for your efforts to live stream and to connect to your parishioners in creative ways. This has been a Lent and Easter like no other, but we know that God is with us.

The Pascal Mystery of redemptive suffering, life-giving death, and hope-filled resurrection has meant even more to us this Lent and Easter as we have personally and pastorally experienced this Pascal Mystery accompanying our people in this trying time.

Again, thank you for the many creative ways you have found to stay close to your people and to Christ, Crucified and Risen from the dead!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Gregory John Mansour

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