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UPDATE ON CIRCULAR - CORONA VIRUS

Dear Fathers /Sisters / Brothers,

Greetings!

Keeping in mind the developments regarding the Corona Virus, as per the Government advisories and cooperating with the measures undertaken by the Government, I, hereby, issue the following directives to all the churches/institutions:

1. All Congregational Gatherings like Sunday Mass and anticipatory Sunday Mass on Saturday evenings, Way of the Cross, Holy Hours, etc are suspended till further notice. However, Mass on week days will continue as usual.
2. I, hereby, exempt all the faithful from Sunday obligations till further notice.

Prayer for people afflicted with Corona Virus

Almighty and merciful God, you assure us that your hand is not too short to save, nor your ear too dull to hear our prayer (Isaiah 59,1). You have revealed that you are ever attentive to our supplications. Your children are under the grip of fear because of the fast spreading corona virus pandemic. Through the prophet Joel (2, 12-13), You console us:

"Even now.. "Return to me with all your heart,
with fasting and weeping and mourning.

Rend your hearts, not your garments.... For gracious and merciful is You, slow to anger, rich in kindness and relenting in punishment."

We've forgotten that You are our GOD. Only say a word and our souls shall be healed.
Send the power of your Word and calm the storms of fear and desperation.

Given on the Feast of St. Joseph, on Thursday, 19.03.2020 at the Bishop's House, Chandigarh.

Yours Sincerely in Christ

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PS: Pray Psalm 91 which is about assurance of God's protection.