



# Annunciation Parish

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## URGENT MESSAGE FROM FATHER GROGAN

Saturday, May 9, 2020

On Friday, May 8, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. the Archdiocese of Cincinnati issued a press release announcing the resumption of public Masses as early as May 25, 2020. Included in that press release was a set of guidelines for such a resumption of Masses.

Please know that the press release was simultaneous with notification sent to pastors and other pastoral leaders in the Archdiocese. I saw the guidelines, as released, for the very first time when any of you saw it for the very first time. We are now in the position of stepping back, receiving, reviewing, and planning a protocol for implementation.

Be assured that I, as well as many other pastors, in anticipation of any resumption of public worship, were already convening parish-based response teams. At Annunciation, it is a response team of doctors, nurses, project analysts, and others. At St. Bernard and Mother of Christ, Sr. Margie Niemer was already actively working with nurses and other health care professionals.

Where we are with all of this, with the suddenness of the press release, is to proceed with a parish-based response that follows a responsible process of implementation that respects the health, security, and well-being of all of us. We are actively working on this. The implementation plans for our specific communities will be developed as soon as possible. Further, please understand, as I am confident you do, that until an official plan is finalized for us no one can speak definitively on behalf of Annunciation Parish and School, and St. Bernard and Mother of Christ Parishes. There will be one, clear, unified response and set of guidelines in each of our communities. Anything else you might hear and say is hearsay.

In all Christian charity, let us proceed with greatest concern for the health and well-being of all, while agreeing to abide by the forthcoming parish-based guidelines that will seek to protect all from any risk of exposure, infection, and transmission of the virus.