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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Know that in these challenging days you and your loved ones are in my every prayer.

Please know that I am so grateful for your pledge to the 2020 Bishop's Faith Appeal and the gifts you have already made to the appeal as well as your gifts to your parish offertory. Thank you also for your prayer pledges. Our work is made easier knowing that you are holding our ministries in your prayers.

Your financial gifts to the appeal – which are used for the operational costs of our ministries and Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas – are more important to the Church's work than ever before. You can continue to make those gifts through the mail or on our diocesan website.

Your gifts to your parish are also vital now. If your parish has on-line giving, you are probably using that method already. However, some of your parishes do not have that option. So, our diocesan staff has created an on-line giving option for individual parishes at the top of the diocese's website <https://www.dioceseofbmt.org/> or at <https://www.dobgifts.org/online-parish-offertory/>. Gifts given through that source will be directed to your individual parish offertory.

It saddens me that we are not able to gather for liturgy. I hope that you are able to join us through social media as our priests and I live stream our private Masses and other devotionals. I also encourage you to pray the Rosary often seeking our Blessed Mother's intercession. I am currently making arrangements to have my private Easter Sunday Mass televised on KFDM – Channel 6 at 11:30 a.m.

Although this is a difficult time for all of us, the Light of Christ continues to shine in this darkness in so many ways and through so many kindnesses – especially through the difficult work of those involved in the medical professions and others who put themselves at risk so that basic needs of our communities are met.

Again, I ask you to take heart and be encouraged by the words of St. Paul: "Rejoice in hope, be patient under trial, persevere in prayer!"

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Curtis Guillory, SVD  
Bishop of Beaumont