



Bishop's Office

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Subject: Update on the COVID-19 measures in the Province of Ontario.

Reverend Monsignor and Fathers,

May the peace of our Lord be with you.

Given the new circumstances and developments, with the rapid spreading of the Coronavirus COVID-19 and after consultation with you and in harmony with the decisions taken by the provincial governments, city mayors, and the Catholic Dioceses Bishops,

I urge you to commit to the following:

- 1- Close permanently all our Maronite Churches to ensure the safety of the faithful and the visitors until further notice.
- 2- Maintain your spiritual and moral presence on the one hand, and place your parish human and material resources on the other hand, in service of our faithful.
- 3- Use social media as a mean of spiritual accompaniment (Mass – Rosary prayers - Reflections and various prayers).
- 4- Continue to suspend all activities until further notice.

I pray with you and for you, hoping this tribulation passes with least damages, placing our parishes and each one of you under the protection of our Mother Mary, asking the Lord to keep us all.

Be reassured of my prayers and best wishes.

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Bishop