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## About the New Coronavirus Infections

### Measures for cancelation of Holy Mass etc.

Although I have just announced “The response to the new type of coronavirus infection” (Part 2), following the request of Prime Minister Abe to close temporarily all elementary schools, junior high schools and high schools from 2 March until the spring break, and after hearing the opinions of experts to avoid the risk of spreading coronavirus infection, I have decided to take the following measures:

1. From 2 March (Mon) to 20 March (Fri), all Masses (para liturgies), gatherings, lectures, and other gatherings of unspecified number of people will not be held. Everyone is exempted from the Sunday Mass obligation. Please read the readings of the day on your own and pray.
2. Weddings, funerals, etc. can be conducted after consulting the priest and the persons concerned about adequate infection prevention measures.
3. Please inform this notification at the Mass on the first Sunday of Lent on 1 March. In particular, please inform the faithful of the foreign nationalities as much as possible.  
Please conduct the Mass on March 1st according to "response to the new coronavirus infection (Part 2)".

Activities after 21 March will be informed after taking the situation into consideration.

Trusting in the mercy of the Lord Jesus, let's pray for everyone, especially for the recovery of those who are infected and the end of the epidemic as soon as possible

February 28, 2020  
Catholic Kyoto Diocese  
Bishop Paul Yoshinao Otsuka