



From Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick:
April 28, 201



My Dear People,

With their third COVID-19 update in two days, Premier Iain Rankin and Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Robert Strang announced a province-wide shutdown for the next two weeks effective today.

The directive mandates that there be no in-person faith gatherings in the province for the next two weeks. I support this shutdown and direct that our churches remain closed to

the public until further notice. Our diocesan and parish offices will be closed to the public during this time.


The new variants of this pandemic have been spreading rapidly. We need to work together to stop the spread of this virus by staying home and limiting our interaction with others. Our faith is essential to us. Please continue to pray for those who are sick and for those who care for them. As we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1, we pray that the patron saint and protector of the universal Church and the principal patron saint of Canada will guide us in the path of life. Stay safe and keep well.

Fraternally,

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(Most Rev.) Wayne Kirkpatrick


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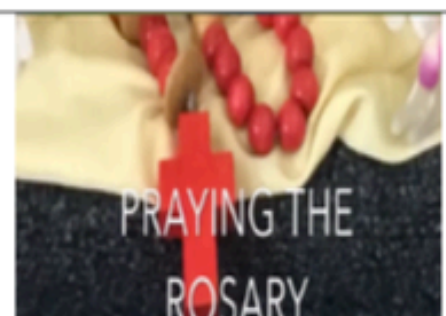
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“God Hugs You”

It will be another Mother’s Day of care through distance, staying home to curb the pandemic spread. As we welcome the Month of Mary we are reminded of the trust she showed in her isolation as she was about to become a mother, and of how God cared for her, and for all of us, in times of greatest need. While we long to hug our loved ones in person, we can take comfort in knowing our love today fills the space in between and that God, in caring for us all in this pandemic, hugs us all together, in the words of St. Hildegard of Bingen: God hugs you. You are encircled by the arms of the mystery of God. Sharing a family moment are three generations of the Walsh family: Mary Elizabeth with daughter Cathy behind her, and daughter Carol Anne and grandson Andrew on screen.





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