



Centre eucharistique et marial Spiri-Maria

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La-Etchemin, March 19, 2020
Solemnity of Saint Joseph

**RE: Update on the manner of proceeding concerning
the daily Masses at Spiri-Maria.**

Dear Knights of Mary,

In order to conform to the new directives issued in recent days by the civil and health authorities concerning gatherings in places of worship, and in agreement with the other Officers of the Works, I must inform you that, as of today and for as long as there is a high risk of the coronavirus spreading, the daily Masses at the Eucharistic and Marian Center will be celebrated behind closed doors.

For the welfare of all the members of the Work, including those living in Lac-Etchemin and in the surrounding area, only a very restricted number of persons living within the walls of Spiri-Maria will see to the celebration and broadcast on the website Radio Love of the daily Mass in the morning, so as to respect as much as possible the norms of social distancing recommended by the competent authorities during this period of pandemic.

This order also applies to all the daily Masses usually celebrated in the other religious residences of the Work both in Lac-Etchemin and Quebec City.

Moreover, until the state of emergency decreed by the authorities has been lifted, we are regretfully obliged to also inform you that all the spiritual retreats and other public activities planned at Spiri-Maria in the near future are cancelled or will be rescheduled at a later date. Information in this regard will be communicated to you at the appropriate time.

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With regard to the dates retained for the days of prayer at Spiri-Maria for the Triduum in May in honor of the Lady of All Peoples, that is, from Friday, May 29 to Sunday, May 31, 2020, it is impossible to confirm at this time whether or not it will be possible to hold the Triduum on the set dates, given the present context of the worldwide pandemic of covid-19 which is still progressing and given the fact that the borders of the countries from which, for years, many members of the Work have usually been coming are closed.

That is why, except if the orders issued by the civil and health authorities are officially rescinded and the borders as much in Quebec and Canada as in the United States, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Chile, Guadeloupe and other countries affected are re-opened, it is strongly recommended that no plans or reservations be made with regard to the May Triduum, since there is a strong possibility that it will be cancelled.

For any information and for any urgent need or situation, a person remains available to answer your questions at the reception of both Spiri-Maria Alma and Spiri-Maria Pietro.

I thank you in advance for your benevolent understanding and cooperation.

Let us remain calm, confident and courageous in a very special way during this most delicate and difficult period we must pass through, but a period that is so very valuable and necessary for a more rapid progression, in the wake of the Lord and the Lady, towards the Kingdom of love and peace promised to the men and women of good will.

May Saint Joseph, whose liturgical feast day we are celebrating today, help us live in the light of obedience in pure faith, in keeping with the spirit of *Life of Love*, in a love of simplicity, an attentiveness to the grace of the moment and an understanding of providential events.

United in prayer always, as we lovingly seek to do the divine will; with all the persons who are dear to you, I bless you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Padre Jean-Pierre".

Padre Jean-Pierre