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**A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIOCESAN BISHOP REGARDING OUR
COMMITMENT TO SAFE WORSHIP DURING COVID-19**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, “When we, for a short time, were made orphans by being separated from you- in person, not in heart- we longed with great eagerness to see you face to face’ (2:17). I know that for many of us the time of not seeing each other has been hard and we look forward to gathering again and see each other face to face. In our eagerness to be together I know that it will not be easy to observe all the guidelines contained in the Diocesan document for reopening of our buildings.

But we take these precautions because we love each other and we want to create as safe a space as possible for anyone who might come. However, even though our local churches are taking the appropriate precautions, no church can absolutely guarantee that we will be free from any risk of exposure. But be assured of the commitment we make to the safety, health and well being of all God’s people. Our highest priority is to create a safe space where we can joyfully gather together in worship, prayer, receive the sacraments together, and serve the world in mission. May God continue to help us each step of the way!

Grace to you,

+Gregory O. Brewer
Bishop