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**A Message from our Pastor,  
Fr Regulo Imperial:  
April 30, 2020**

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Dear People of God:

Greetings of Peace!

It has been 7 weeks or 47 days to be exact, since we closed the door of the church for public worship. I know how we feel deeply sad about the situation. I can only console myself that this takes place for the good and safety of everyone. I pray that this will end soon.

I hope and pray that all of you are safe and healthy. I want you to know that, every day, I say my private Mass with you in mind and the intentions that are assigned for the day.

I thank you very much from the bottom of my heart for your generous donations that you mail and drop in our mail box. Those donations are very much appreciated and help the church in its daily activity. Please continue supporting the church in this difficult time of the pandemic.

May God bless you and your families. May God be with you in this difficult journey.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, each bishop in Canada and the United States of America will consecrate their diocese individually to the Blessed Virgin Mary, to seek her protection for all faithful from the continuing Covid-19 pandemic. Priests, deacons, members of St John Fisher Church, families and individuals are all encouraged to join their prayers in union with that of their bishop, in this Consecration.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto, Cardinal Collins will be praying the Consecration to Mary on May 1<sup>st</sup>, at the end of his 7:30 am livestreamed Mass, before the final blessing. All are invited to join Cardinal Collins in praying the Consecration to Mary at the same time, as they view his livestream, available at: [www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live). Alternatively, the prayer may be said at any other time of the day on May 1. (The Prayer is on the next page.)

Thank you very much and God bless!

CONSECRATION OF CANADA TO THE  
**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH**  
IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



FRIDAY, MAY 1st 2020

Most Blessed Virgin Mary, *Mother of the Church*,  
in this time of pandemic, we turn our gaze to you,

*For a Bishop:*

and in Christ consecrate to you the faithful of our Diocese (Eparchy)  
together with all the people of Canada.†

*For a Priest:*

and in Christ consecrate to you the faithful of our Parish  
together with all the people of Canada.†

*For families:*

and in Christ consecrate to you the members of our family  
together with all the people of Canada.†

*For groups and other faith communities:*

and in Christ consecrate to you the members of *N.*  
together with all the people of Canada.†

†At the Annunciation,

fear gave way to trust as you embraced the mysterious and loving plan of God,  
who through his providence, care and concern brought about newness of life in you and through you.  
Intercede, we pray, on our behalf as your children, *Virgin most faithful*.  
Grant us faith, hope and perseverance, as we strive to serve and bear witness to all persons,  
responding to the needs of those affected by this virus.

Standing at the foot of the Cross at Calvary,

you united yourself with the sufferings of Christ and so uniquely contributed to the mystery of our redemption.  
We beseech you as *Health of the sick*, draw to yourself in maternal compassion  
the brothers and sisters of your Son Jesus and all those who are grieved by this pandemic.  
Strengthen the dying and comfort those who weep so that all may experience  
the healing grace of Christ our Divine Physician.

At the Cenacle, after the Resurrection,

you accompanied the Apostles with prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.  
In your maternal care as *Consoler of the afflicted*,  
accompany healthcare professionals, all who minister to the sick and those who seek a cure to end this pandemic,  
that the Holy Spirit may renew the face of the earth.

To all of us, dearest Mary, *Mother of all the living*, be present and show forth your tenderness,

as we raise our eyes to you who shines forth before the entire community  
as a merciful and compassionate companion on our journey.  
Time and time again, with burdens weighing heavily on their hearts and in their many necessities,  
the Christian faithful have sought refuge under your mantle of protection.

Come quickly to our aid at this time, *Mother of Mercy*, and deliver us from the dangers that surround us in our hour of need;  
watch over especially the elderly, the weak and the infirm, our children and the unity of our families,  
and all those who give of themselves selflessly in pastoral care to those in need  
until in your arms and in your gentle embrace we all find safety and solace.

*Amen!*