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Dear people of God,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and express my deep appreciation to all the pastors, parishioners, and staff in our Diocese. During the past four months, over and over again, I have seen and heard of random acts of kindness and actions that have inspired hope across Vancouver Island.

Those of you who check on your quarantined friends and neighbours, our frontline workers, the volunteers who help to facilitate the Mass for our congregations, everyone who participates in the Mass, those who are unable to attend Mass in person and unite in prayer via the live stream opportunities, you have my heartfelt gratitude. You all bring glory to God in how you have adjusted during these demanding times. You are a true living example to the world of what it is to imitate Christ by showing charity to others during immense challenges and times of uncertainty.

Together, you have amplified the mission of our faith in the countless ways that you have all taken care of each other and it is extraordinary that not even a pandemic can distance us from the love of God. You have borne witness to that unwavering love in how you have responded to the many unique challenges during this difficult time and I am so proud of every one of you.

Thank you, dear people of God, for the ways you have continued to “be calm, be connected, and be confident” during this unprecedented time.

In Communion,

Most Reverend Gary Gordon  
Bishop of Victoria