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Dear Fathers, Pastoral Assistants and Parishioners,

I share with you the following information from the Alberta Bishops:

In preparation for the lifting of some restrictions on gatherings in public places in Alberta, the Catholic Bishops of Alberta are working to develop a plan for the eventual reinstatement of public celebrations of the Mass. The Bishops have established a task force under the direction of Archbishop Richard Smith of Edmonton and Bishop William McGrattan of Calgary. The mandate of this task force is to discern when and how this gradual reinstatement will be initiated.

Their consideration will continue to be informed by the advice of Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health and the provincial government's staged COVID-19 recovery plan.

"We are acutely aware of our parishioners' fervent desire to return to the Eucharist, and we share their concern," said Archbishop Smith. "Our careful discernment now will ensure that when the time comes, we will be ready to begin inviting the faithful back to the churches they miss so much. We are extremely grateful to all those who have made great sacrifices in the common effort to protect our brothers and sisters by preventing the spread of COVID-19."

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