



Diocese of Kamloops  
BISHOP'S OFFICE

April 24, 2020

Dear Clergy, Religious and faithful of Kamloops Diocese,

It's been over two years since Canada and the Kamloops Diocese were consecrated to Mary on August 15, 2017 on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada. In solidarity with the bishops of Canada and the US, we join the other Episcopal Conferences throughout the world in consecrating our nations to Mary, seeking her maternal protection during the coronavirus pandemic. I ask all of you to join me in re-consecrating our diocese to Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church on the first day of May, a month traditionally dedicated to devotion to Mary.

I will lead the prayer of consecration and the Rosary by live stream at our Sacred Heart Cathedral at noon on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. I take this occasion to encourage all of us to pray the Rosary individually and together with our families as often as we can. Praying the Rosary as a family is particularly recommended. With this ancient devotional and prayerful practice, we solidify our re-consecration to Our Blessed Mother, asking for her special protection and maternal care so that our diocese may be protected from evil. We live in unprecedented times, but we should not allow fear, anxiety and loneliness to overpower us. Let us hope in the Lord, who has already won the victory over darkness and death, the victory that we now share in. This re-consecration will give us the occasion to pray for Our Blessed Mother's continued protection of the vulnerable, healing of the unwell, and wisdom for those who work to find a cure for this terrible virus.

By re-consecrating ourselves and our diocese to Our Blessed Mother, coinciding timely with the 75th anniversary of our diocese, we pray that a renewed enthusiasm and a deeper faith be born in the hearts of all the faithful which will bear much fruit and obtain abundant graces for our local Church.

With the assurance of my prayers and invoking the intercession of Our Blessed Mother,

 Joseph Phuong Nguyen  
Bishop of Kamloops