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Response to new coronavirus infection (5th)

+ Peace of the Lord

On May 14, the government announced the lifting of a state of emergency declaration under the new Coronavirus Special Law for 39 prefectures. And the government offered "three requests" to the residents of the prefecture that had been lifted, "We want you to continue the gradual and positive changes as much as possible, and don't neglect to be vigilant about viruses in every day."

Shizuoka Prefecture has decided to issue a request for closure until May 17, the scheduled date of the emergency declaration. At the alert level of evaluating the situation of infection in the prefecture and the medical provision system, the prefecture decided to continue to ask the residents to thoroughly avoid "smuggling" the "alert level" during the limited period of infection.

The Catholic Church of The Seishin District held a chairpersons' meeting of 5 church on May 17 to consider the response to the current situation after June (5th). At the end of the consultation, it was confirmed that there was many voice of people who wanted to resume Mass, but it was confirmed that it was necessary to take sufficient measures to avoid "three dense(三密)", and that it was necessary to prepare for the maintenance of the environment in the church, ventilation, interval, disinfection, and simplification of Mass.

Accordingly, as a preparation period for the start of public Mass in July, people who are limited will carry out a weekly private Mass for the purpose of verifying the environment of the church's environment and trying to simplify the style of mass.

I am very sorry to all people who were expecting mass to resume in June. However, I would like to spend some time now preparing the environment and liturgy for each parish church.

And June is the month of "Jesus' heart". It represented the heart of Jesus as a symbol of God's love for all mankind, and his faith began as a sign of God's love expressed in his heart only by Jesus, and as a sign of his infinite love. Jesus showed a burning heart, lamented the cold heart that was lacking among the people, and encouraged him to honor his own love. In response to his love, let us overcome this verse with prayer.

In prayer

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