



Archdiocese of Vancouver  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, I wish to thank our priests for their dedication to the people of God and to affirm your continued need for their pastoral care during these unusual and challenging times.

As spiritual fathers, their ministry never ends. Priests are called to be patient and long-suffering in doing what is good. In this way they share the Good Shepherd's life of self-giving.

I am grateful for the various efforts that pastors are making in reaching out to their flock. Forty-seven parishes are now offering online streaming of Holy Mass. Some priests are hearing drive-thru confessions and are leading Eucharistic Adoration in parish parking lots. They continue to minister to the sick and the dying in hospitals. Under their guidance, faith formation – including RCIA, PREP, youth events, young adult prayer groups, public talks – continues to be vibrant.

The encouragement and support of the lay faithful at this time is extremely meaningful to our priests. I invite you to leave a note, whether by email, social media, or parish drop-off, to encourage and thank your shepherds for their vocation and service. Also, please remember to pray for our seminarians and those discerning a call to priesthood that they, too, may follow in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd.

With my blessing and the assurance of my prayers for you and your families during this trying time of pandemic, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠ J. Michael Miller, CSB  
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