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To: All Parishes and Missions in the Catholic Diocese of Lexington From: Department of Communications, Catholic Diocese of Lexington

Bishop Cancels Religious Education Classes in Diocese Until Kentucky Schools Reopen

LEXINGTON — Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv., has mandated that parishes and missions in the Catholic Diocese of Lexington cancel religious education classes until Kentucky schools reopen. Combined with his dispensation of all Catholics in the diocese from their Sunday Mass obligation, the move is intended to cut down on large gatherings of people as Kentucky faces the COVID-19 pandemic.

"As we strive to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our communities, measures to reduce attendance are an act of Christian charity toward others, especially the sick and elderly. This public health emergency calls on all of us to live out our belief in safeguarding and promoting the common good."

For reliable and up-to-date information on this rapidly changing situation, visit www.kycovid19.ky.gov or call 1-800-222-5725. For additional diocesan resources, visit: www.cdlex.org/diocese-of-lexington-epidemic-response