



**March 19, 2020**

**Dear Brothers,**

**Cardinal Seán has asked me to share with you that having heard from several priests that it is very difficult to limit the number of persons who are attending the private funeral Masses at our parishes, and with concern for the Archdiocese following Governor Baker's Emergency Order for public safety, effective Monday, March 23rd funeral Masses and other forms of funeral services at our churches are suspended in the Archdiocese of Boston. We recommend that the bereaved be offered the opportunity for a graveside committal service during this time and a Memorial Mass when we are able to again offer the celebration of Mass and religious services at our parishes and churches.**

**Thank you for your understanding of the ongoing unprecedented circumstances of the COVID-19 public health crisis and the importance of our doing all that is possible in support of the health and well being of the people we serve and the wider community.**

**Fraternally,**

**+Peter J. Uglietto**

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