

**The 10<sup>th</sup> LETTER OF THE BISHOP ON THE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES  
PREVENTING CORONA VIRUS INFECTIONS**

The Right Reverend Mario Yamanouchi, Bishop of Saitama  
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**The Same Precautionary Measures in My 9<sup>th</sup> Letter**

**Will be continued Until August 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Dear my brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Saitama,

It is one month which has already passed after we resumed the Sunday masses, but gradually. Although the most of the Parishes have not faced any serious problems, there are some parishes which cannot resume the Sunday masses, or others which had once resumed the Sunday masses but have suspended them again because of the changes of the situation which make us presuppose the second wave of the spread of the Corona Virus infections. I am grateful to the seniors for their prayers from home during the time they have been asked not to join in the Sunday masses, as well as for their kind understanding of my intention of protecting them from the virus infections.

It is true that, unfortunately, the number of the victims with the virus infections has again been dramatically increasing, rather than decreasing. After having carefully listened to the ministers as well as to the reports from the parishes, I have decided in principle to continue the same precautionary measures I have instructed in my previous 9<sup>th</sup> Letter. Although I am sure that the time will come to us to celebrate the Sunday masses, as well as receiving the sacraments as before without any worries, it is still the time for us to be very cautious against the virus infections with patience and prayers together. Thank you very much for your kind understanding and cooperation in advance.

Note 1: I have given my detailed instructions to all the priests serving in the Diocese on the matters of particular concern. I would be grateful if you could cooperate with your priests when you are asked by them.

Note 2: My homily for every Sunday will be published in Japanese, in English and in Spanish as well on the Webpage of the Diocese within the days after Sunday. I hope that it would be helpful to you.

Ave Maria!