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## **DIOCESE OF LAS VEGAS TO FOLLOW GUIDANCE OF RESTORATION COUNCIL FOR REOPENING**

**Las Vegas, NV**—Bishop George Leo Thomas, Ph.D., the Bishop of the Diocese of Las Vegas, said today that while he is pleased that houses of worship have been deemed essential services by the federal government, the reopening of the parishes of the Diocese of Las Vegas will be led by its Diocesan Restoration Council.

“I established the Council to ensure the safe and systematic reopening of our parishes in a manner that follows and respects the guidelines and limitations provided by health officials and the State of Nevada. It is essential that we are mindful of necessary precautions and safety recommendations for the health and well-being of all of our people,” Bishop Thomas said.

**The Diocese of Las Vegas is currently under a discontinuance order until May 31, 2020.**

The Diocesan Restoration Council is chaired by Mr. John Kilduff, President of Bishop Gorman High School and is comprised of representatives from a wide array of disciplines including medical, gaming, education, civic, law enforcement, engineering, logistics and pastoral ministry.

The Council has met several times and is working on an established set of protocols based on guidance and recommendations that have been made available to date. They will be taking this new development and guidance under advisement and will be working to finalize plans for the reopening of parishes.

Further announcements will be made once the plans have been finalized to include timing.

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