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Bishop Michael Sheridan’s statement on precautions against coronavirus

COLORADO SPRINGS. Most Rev. Michael J. Sheridan of the Diocese of Colorado Springs issued the following statement regarding precautions that parishes should take against the spread of coronavirus:

“In order to avoid the possible spread of coronavirus among those attending Mass at our churches, I have asked pastors to take the following steps:

1. Distribution of Holy Communion (wine) from the chalice is to be suspended until further notice.
2. There should be no physical contact at the exchange of the sign of peace.
3. People may be encouraged to receive Holy Communion in the hand, but they are not to be ordered to do so. Those distributing Holy Communion should make every effort not to touch the recipients.
4. Containers of hand sanitizer are to be made available at the entrances to church.

If a person senses any of the virus symptoms, they are dispensed from Mass obligations and should stay home and seek medical treatment.”

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