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To all the faithful of the Diocese of Fukuoka

Dear brothers and sisters:

The peace of the Lord.

We are in the middle of the Lenten journey and all the parishes will already be preparing the Holy Week celebrations. Thank God, in all the provinces of the Diocese of Fukuoka the end of the state of emergency has been declared and, therefore, the possibility of participating in the liturgical celebrations has been reopened. It fills us with joy.

In any case, the end of the pandemic is not yet in sight. The celebrations of Holy Week will be affected by this situation. I ask that the indications that we have been giving so far continue to be followed.

As for the Holy Week celebrations, I add two indications:

1. On Palm Sunday the initial procession should be suppressed. Each one will remain in place with the little branch in hand and the celebrant will go on to bless them. The same applies to the candlelight procession of the Easter Vigil.
2. On Holy Thursday the washing of the feet will not be done this year.

May the Lord bless each one and your families.



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