



**DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST
OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS**

I begin my report with gratitude to His Eminence Archbishop Paul for appointing me as the Director of Communications for the diocese. This is a position that has been carried out with great professionalism and care by the late Archpriest John Matusiak, whom I personally admire and love. May his memory be eternal and may my offering in this position be a continuation of his labor and good work.

The most important effort of the COMS Department this past year was the release of our new website. This new website gave us a much-needed update to keep us competitive with the contemporary market. Beside the aesthetical upgrades, it offers many more efficient tools to help disseminate information. The website also offers a place for donations to be received. As with all technology, this will have to be continuously serviced and tended to so that it stays relevant and of interest to its audience.

Another big project that took place was the creation/development of our “Corona Virus Resource Page.” Our diocese was the first of the different Orthodox diocese to have such a resource as it served as an important tool for the many rapid changes that were taking place on an daily, and sometime, even hourly basis. This page remains active and can be accessed through the parish resource page.

In closing I would like to thank Fr. Paul Wesche, Fr. Joel Wilson, and Rdr. Philp Sokolov. It has been a joy working with them and sharing our love for the Church. Below you will find statistics from our website for the past year.

Priest Alexander Koranda
Director of Communications

Press Releases

02.02.20 – 09.30.20 – **84** | 2019* – **63** | 2018 – **81**

** August repose of Archpriest John Matusiak COMS Director*

Top Five Most View Articles for 2020

In Memoriam: Mr. John Sutko	4,080
A Statement from His Grace, Bishop Paul on the Coronavirus	3,171
Directives for Reopening the Diocese	2,474
Public Services Suspended in Diocese of the Midwest	2,066
From the Bishop	1,644

Views Per Month

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
2020	X	6,501	20,350	11,616	11,220	9,945	4,852	5,797	4,297	74,578

Average Views per Day

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Overall
2020	X	224	656	387	362	332	157	187	168	309