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To all Clergy in the Diocese of the Midwest

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Christ is in our midst!

I am writing to update you on a number of items pertaining to the life of the Diocese.

First, His Eminence, Archbishop Paul continues to be hospitalized at Advocate Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn, IL. The first series of radiation and chemotherapy treatment His Eminence and his family requested 4 weeks ago concluded at the end of last week. His family, along with his medical team, has decided that it is time to transfer him over to hospice treatment. This is likely to take place tomorrow or Wednesday, and he will be transferred to a local nursing home, or to his home at the Chancery in Burbank.

His Eminence's condition remains stable but limited. He has not been able to walk or to speak for the last two weeks, but thankfully he is not in any real pain. I will continue to keep everyone on the Archbishop's condition as we go along.

Additionally, it has been decided to postpone the annual Clergy Convocation in May. Over the years, these convocations have given us not only the opportunity for continuing education, but also to meet and speak on a more intimate basis with our archpastor and with each other. Without him, and given the fact that, sadly, most of our clergy will be traveling to attend his funeral, we feel it best to postpone.

Finally, the Diocesan Assembly will be held in conjunction with the All American Council in Baltimore this summer. Please be sure to communicate this to your communities and delegates. It is likely that our Assembly will meet that Monday afternoon before the official opening of the Council on July 18th. Please plan accordingly.

Once again, we ask that you continue to remember His Eminence, Archbishop Paul

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in your personal and liturgical prayers.

I ask for your forgiveness if I have failed in any way to communicate in a regular and forthright manner all that is happening in the Diocese, especially with the tragic sickness of Archbishop Paul. Please do not hesitate to email me or call me if I can be of any more assistance.

May God grant us a blessed and joyful Pascha!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Paul M. Jannakos". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "F".

Archpriest Paul Jannakos
Chancellor

Cc.: His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon
His Grace, Bishop Daniel
Diocesan Council