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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I come to you as your Bishop, concerning the COVID-19 vaccines. I know that there are many questions out there and I want to provide you with important information and clarity regarding these vaccines as you make an informed choice.

While each vaccine has been morally compromised to some level, it is not wrong to take the vaccine. All things being equal, the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are the preferred choice. But the Johnson and Johnson vaccine may be used when all things are not equal, like an allergy to the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or availability.

Attached is a document from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops with links to other reputable resources on the COVID-19 vaccines.

I encourage everyone to get vaccinated. It can be an act of charity that serves the common good. Ultimately, the decision to vaccinate is up to you decide based on your own formed conscience.

These are difficult times, but let's support each other and remain calm. Please know of my prayers for each of you.

In Christ, I am

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