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Dear Father McMahon and Father Beltran,

May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

This letter confirms that the Renew My Church activation of your parishes is postponed until next year. Several factors, including the uncertainty around Covid-19 and the leadership transitions in Vicariate I make postponement of the activation the best option.

You may expect Fr. Jason Malave and Tim Weiske to collaborate with my successor as Vicar of Vicariate I and to communicate with you in autumn 2020 about dates that you and your parish leaders should hold for a Renew My Church process in Wave 5 beginning in mid-2021.

So your parishioners may receive the same message, please consult each other about the way you will share the news of the postponement with your parish staffs, leadership councils and parishioners using your customary communication channels. I suggest that you communicate this to your parishes as soon as possible.

I am grateful for the leadership and care that you have shown to your parish, especially during these challenging times.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Mike McGovern

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