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From the Faith Formation Office:

In support of Bishop Persico's decree allowing churches to resume public Masses, the Faith Formation team has gathered resources to help parishes with the task of preparing and cleaning the church after each Mass. These resources are not exhaustive and are offered as one tool.

We know that many of you are well on your way of thinking this through. We hope this resource can confirm you in your good work and point out one or two things you may not have thought of yet. We encourage you to keep up to date on the ever-changing landscape of the coronavirus and CDC guidelines. We have included a matrix with questions to help you determine if you are ready to reopen, links to signs that you could post in your parishes, some practical cleaning information, and even a few products you can find or mix for your cleaning protocols. Also, the Archdiocese of Baltimore is following procedures that are much like that of the Diocese of Erie. They created a short and engaging video to help make families aware of protocols before they attend Mass and graciously allowed us to share it as we see fit. Here is the link to the [video](#).

And lastly, we are sending you a helpful link to guidance from the Catholic Medical Association. The link is: <https://www.cathmed.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Road-Map-to-Opening-Our-Churches12May20V2-1.pdf>

We will continue to support and pray for you and your parishes as we enter the next phase of these uncertain times. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance to you. May God continue to bless you and your parish family.

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