

## Weekly News Roundup: New Vatican Decrees, Episcopal Chaff vs. Wheat, Petitioning for Sacraments

In this episode, CFN Editor-in-Chief Brian McCall and Managing Editor Matt Gaspers discuss the following news items:

- **Congregation for Divine Worship Issues Two Coronavirus-related Decrees**
  - New [Votive Mass “in Time of Pandemic”](#)
  - New [Special Intention](#) for [2020 Good Friday Solemn Intercessions](#)
- **Despite Efforts of Certain Governors, Abortion Remains “Essential Service” in Several States Amidst COVID-19 Crisis**
  - Case in Point: Federal Judge in Texas [Blocks](#) Governor’s Orders
  - *The New York Times* Calls for [More Access to Abortion, “Not Less”](#)
- **Separating Episcopal Chaff from Wheat**
  - **Examples of Chaff:**
    - *Bishop James F. Checchio* of Metuchen, New Jersey
    - *Cardinal Sean O’Malley* of Boston, Massachusetts
    - *Bishop Robert M. Coerver* of Lubbock, Texas
    - *Bishop Mitchell Rozanski* of Springfield, Massachusetts
    - *Bishop Peter F. Christensen* of Boise, Idaho
  - **Examples of Wheat:**
    - *Bishop Robert Baker* of Birmingham, Alabama (Note: Sadly, Bishop Baker has [backpedaled](#) from his original call for the priests of his diocese to administer Holy Communion to the faithful on Holy Thursday.)
    - *Archbishop Carlo Mario Viganò* (new [interview](#))
- **Two Petitions, One Goal: Restore Public Worship and Access to Sacraments**
  - To Gov. Kevin Stitt of Oklahoma: [Deem Worship to be “Essential”](#)
  - To All Bishops: [We Are An Easter People](#)

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