



**APOSTOLIC VICARIATE OF NORTHERN ARABIA
CHANCERY OFFICE
HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL**

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To all Priests, Religious, and Lay Faithful
of the Apostolic Vicariate of Northern Arabia.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings of peace.

Pursuant to the decision of Cabinet Ministers' of the Kuwait Legislative Assembly, to declare a two-week holiday which was announced last night and reported by local news agencies, we, the Catholic Church, shall comply with the directives of the Government of Kuwait, and the Instructions of the Vicar Apostolic of Northern Arabia, H.E. Bishop Camillo Ballin, MCCJ. Kindly note our notice which was circulated on March 10th, 2020 about the resumption of Eucharistic Celebrations from March 15th stands revoked in Kuwait. The two-week holiday will commence today, 12th March and last until 26th March both days inclusive.

This revocation is in tandem with our statement to monitor and re-evaluate the situation with competent civil and ecclesiastical authorities. Taking into account the exceptional circumstances, concerned ministries are entrusted to warn against the dangers of gathering and to raise awareness of the necessary precautions to avoid the causes of infection within places of worship. Church is open only for private prayers.

Kindly do continue to pray and take due precautions for your safety and of our brethren.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Antony Lopez, OFM Cap. JCD.
Chancellor – AVONA.



cc:

1. His Excellency Bishop Camillo Ballin, mccj., Vicar Apostolic – AVONA.
2. His Grace Archbishop Francisco M. Padilla, Apostolic Nuncio.
3. Rev. Fr. Peter P.M., OFM Cap., Vicar General.
4. Parish Priests & all the Clergy of AVONA.