

THE *Episcopal* CHURCH 
The Episcopal Bishops of New York State

April 1, 2020

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
New York State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

As the bishops of the Episcopal Church in the State of New York and the spiritual leaders of more than 130,000 New Yorkers, we write today to offer our thanks and support for your leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic. You are in our prayers during this difficult time.

By implementing strong, proactive public health measures to slow the spread of the virus, you have helped protect the lives of the most vulnerable people in our congregations and communities and have set an example for civic and political leaders across the country. The benefits of the measures you have enacted are particularly important for St. John's Episcopal Hospital in Far Rockaway, Queens, where our church is on the front line of caring for those who are ill.

We are especially grateful for the clear, reliable information you provide in your daily coronavirus briefings and your advocacy to ensure that New York receives the federal resources that our health systems, particularly our overburdened hospitals, need now.

As the pandemic unfolds, we will continue to support and advocate for strong public health measures that value human life over all other concerns. If we can be of assistance to you during this time and in the recovery efforts, we stand ready.

Faithfully,

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