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Dear Brothers in Christ,

It would be an understatement to say that this year has been unusual in many ways, and the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord will likely be no exception. I am grateful for the many efforts that all of you and your parish leaders will undertake to ensure a safe and reverent liturgical celebration of Christ's birth.

For your planning purposes, please keep in mind that the earliest allowable start time for a Vigil Mass for the Nativity of the Lord remains 3:00 p.m. on December 24, regardless of whether there is an obligation for the faithful to attend or not.

Please carefully consider the schedule of liturgies at your parish(es) for Christmas Eve and Day and communicate accordingly with your parishioners. The Office for Divine Worship and Sacraments will be offering additional guidance and strategies in the coming weeks to assist you in preparing for these important liturgical celebrations.

Thank you for everything you do for the faithful of this archdiocese. Your dedication and perseverance over these past several months have been an incredible witness to your faith and vocation. You are in my prayers every day; please keep me in yours, as well.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dennis M. Schnurr".

Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr
Archbishop of Cincinnati

RADIATE CHRIST