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To: Priests and Parish Staff

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Subject: Love Your Neighbor, COVID-19 Vaccine Webinar

Hello! Please see the resource below from the California Catholic Conference:

The California Catholic Conference and Santa Clara University have released a webinar, *Love Your Neighbor and Get Vaccinated: Science, Ethics and the COVID-19 Vaccines*, discussing the safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccines, as well as the impact the pandemic has had on parishes around the state.

Available in both English and Spanish, the one-hour-long webinar features Dr. Charles Binkley, MD, Director of Bioethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University; Fr. Luke Dysinger, OSB, MD, DPhil.: Professor of Church History and Moral Theology, St. John's Seminary; and Mr. Isaac Cuevas, Director of Immigration and Public Affairs, Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

All Californians ages 16 and over (who are not already) will be eligible to make an appointment to receive the COVID-19 starting April 15. In another encouraging sign, the number of vaccinations has increased substantially, leading Governor Newsom to announce on Tuesday that the still will "reopen" its economy and repeal the color-coded tier system, provided that the low number of infections persists and vaccinations continue.

For more information, bulletin announcements and other resources, visit the California Catholic Conference's <u>Coronavirus information page</u> or <u>CatholicCARES.org</u>.

Sincerely,

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