



MEMORANDUM

TO: The People of the Diocese of Monterey

FROM: Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia
Bishop of Monterey

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Vaccine

DATE: March 12, 2021

The Diocese of Monterey would like to encourage our parishioners to get the COVID-19 Vaccination.

While Catholic moral teaching can be complex and nuanced, in the analysis of vaccinations during this Pandemic, there is clear guidance.

Catholic theologians, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith in Rome, and Pope Francis, have all clearly concluded that to take the vaccine, be it Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson, is clearly a legitimate moral choice in this time of Pandemic with limited vaccine options.

I share with you that I have taken the vaccine, Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict, and many of the clergy of the Diocese have done so. Unless one's personal doctor recommends otherwise, **I strongly urge everyone to take the vaccine for the protection of human life and well-being of all.**

La Diócesis de Monterey desea alentar a nuestros feligreses a obtener la vacuna COVID-19.

Si bien la enseñanza moral católica puede ser compleja y matizada, hay una guía clara basada en el análisis de las vacunas para esta pandemia.

Los teólogos Católicos, la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos, la Congregación de la Doctrina de la Fe en Roma y el Papa Francisco, han concluido claramente que el recibir la vacuna, ya sea la de Pfizer, la de Moderna, o la de Johnson & Johnson, es una opción moral claramente legítima en este tiempo de pandemia, con opciones limitadas de vacunas.

Les comarto que yo he recibido la vacuna, el Papa Francisco y el Papa Emérito Benedicto, y muchos clérigos de la Diócesis tambien lo han hecho. A menos que su médico personal recomienda lo contrario, **les exhorto encarecidamente a todos a que se vacunen para proteger la vida humana y el bienestar de todos.**