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MEMORANDUM

To: All Parishes

From: Archbishop Richard Gagnon

Date: December 21, 2021

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Re: Additional Provision

In addition to yesterday's letter from the Archbishops of southern Manitoba, please be advised of the following provision as outlined in the public health orders published today by the provincial government. Faith-based gatherings, such as the Celebration of Mass, which include persons who are unvaccinated, are restricted to twenty-five (25) people or 25% of the capacity of the space, whichever is lower. The presider, one (1) cantor, one (1) accompanist, one (1) lector, and the live-streaming team, do not count toward the restrictions.

The above limit may be increased by implementing a cohort system. Fully separated parts of the church building (e.g., worship space and parish hall) may be used for distinct groupings of twenty-five (25) people, provided each grouping has its own entrance and exit and there is no interaction between groupings during the gathering. Obviously, a given church's architecture would dictate whether this option is a possibility for the parish.

Further announcements will be made should more information be made available by our local health officials.

Thank you very much.