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MEMORANDUM

To: All Parishes

From: Archbishop Richard Gagnon

Date: September 7, 2021

R. G.

Re: COVID-19 Update

Dispensation from Sunday Mass

The current general dispensation from Sunday Mass concludes on September 12, 2021. Taking into consideration the current state of the pandemic, this general dispensation is now extended until Sunday, November 21, 2021.

Outdoor Public Gatherings

Last week, the Provincial Government announced a change to COVID-19 restrictions affecting outdoor public gatherings. Effective immediately, the Celebrations of Weddings and Funerals held outdoors will have a capacity of 500 people. The restriction for these celebrations held indoors remains the same: fifty (50) people or 50% of the capacity of the place, whichever is greater. The presider, one (1) cantor, one (1) accompanist, one (1) lector, and the live-streaming team, do not count toward the restrictions. In addition, in the case of weddings, one (1) photographer or videographer does not count toward the restrictions; and in the case of funerals, the funeral home staff do not count toward the restrictions.

Wedding Receptions

In compliance with the latest public health orders, parishes that have licensed premises are to require those who attend wedding receptions to produce their proof of vaccination from the Government of Manitoba. Those who have a medical reason not to receive a vaccine for COVID-19, with proof from the Government of Manitoba, or are under 12 years of age, are exempt from this protocol. This protocol is effective immediately.

Catholic Centre Office Hours

Please be advised that, effective immediately, the Catholic Centre is resuming regular service hours of Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, with staff working from the office.

As usual, further announcements will be made should additional information be provided by public health officials.

Thank you very much.