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Memorandum

To: All Parishes
All Clergy

From: Archbishop Richard Gagnon *+R.G.*

Date: September 4, 2020

Re: COVID-19: Dispensation from Sunday Mass
Choirs as Singers at Mass

In a memo dated May 21, 2020, I granted a general dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass to all the faithful through Sunday, September 6, 2020. We are all aware that the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic continue. *In light of this: the dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is granted to the faithful through January 1, 2021.* Obviously, this could change depending on circumstances.

A number of questions have arisen relative to choirs and congregational singing at Mass. Congregational singing and choirs at Mass, according to Provincial guidelines, "should not be allowed." The use of a single cantor with an accompanist is being recommended.