



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 26, 2020

TO: All diocesan and religious priests

COPY: Permanent deacons, Parish Life Directors, Seminarians, Parish Secretaries, Superiors of Religious Congregations, Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Parish Pastoral Councils, Employees of the Archdiocesan Centre

FROM: Most Reverend Albert LeGatt
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SUBJECT: **COVID-19 Pandemic—Weekly Update**

Dear friends,

We are pleased to share the weekly update with you.

I. Determining the Number of People in Attendance for Mass, Now and in the Future

We invite the parishes to first read the announcements from the Province concerning the number of people permitted indoors, as well as the conditions that must be met in order to determine what must be done to accommodate the realities in each parish.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO AWAIT PERMISSION FROM THE DIOCESE TO MODIFY THE CONTROLS IN PLACE IN YOUR PARISH TO ENSURE THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF PEOPLE GATHER FOR MASS. THE DIOCESE WILL NO LONGER PUBLISH DECLARATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS PERMITTED TO ATTEND; PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS PUT FORTH BY THE GOVERNMENT AT ALL TIMES.

II. A Road Map for your discernment and parish decisions

We invite you to refer to Protocol IV “At A Glance,” published on May 29, 2020, to ensure you are adhering to all necessary hygiene measures, regardless of the number of people permitted at any given moment, in order to minimize the risk of transmitting COVID-19. You can read Protocol IV “At A Glance” by [clicking here](#).

III. **Liturgical Protocol No. IV**

Please note that the “At A Glance” version remains the main interpretive tool and road map. The complete version of Liturgical Protocol No. IV, that contains no changes to what is in the shorter text, will be made available to you on Tuesday, June 30.

IV. **COVID-19 FAQs (“Questions From the Ground”)**

The first edition of the “Questions From the Ground” COVID-19 FAQs document has been posted on our diocesan website, Facebook page and youth ministry Instagram account (You can also read it by [clicking here](#)). The FAQs will be updated every Wednesday.

The Communications Office has received many questions about the implementation of the protocols, and we continue to invite you to send your questions, as well as the best practices your parishes have adopted, to our Diocesan Communications Coordinator, Mr. Daniel Bahaud, at communications@archsaintboniface.ca.

V. **Suggested Prayers of the Faithful for this coming Sunday, June 18**

We invite you to consider the following prayers for the Prayers of the Faithful:

For those victimized and affected by sexual abuse, may they turn to Jesus and put their hope in him with the help of all the Church, let us pray to the Lord.

For clergy who have sexually abused young people. May they, guided by Jesus, journey towards a real and profound contrition, and peace in their heart, let us pray to the Lord.

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