



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 12, 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  
Archbishop of Saint Boniface

**SUBJECT:** **Weekly Update - COVID-19 Pandemic**

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Dear friends,

In the last few months, we have communicated, through our Weekly Updates, new information, clarifications on questions brought forward, guidelines, directives and reminders of certain elements that remain essential. We will continue to send you updates; however, since there will likely be less and less new regulations and directives as we move forward with the various phases of restoring safe services, these updates will now be issued on a "as needed basis". That being said, I wish to share with you the following information.

### **Liturgical Protocol No. IV**

As you know, it was our intention to also issue this week, the full 20-page document "Liturgical Protocol No. IV". However, consultations and dialogue regarding this document have continued to take place at different levels, i.e. deans' meetings, the Council of Priests' meeting, a few special committees and most recently at the Regional Pastoral meetings.

Because all these discussions aim to bring forth a document that is complete, a decision has been made to issue the new Protocol at the end of June. This will allow us to prepare a document that is well-structured and clear, and taking into consideration the feedback received from the various consultations. In the meantime, the document "*Liturgical Protocol No. IV – At A Glance*", which was issued on May 29, 2020, remains in effect till the end of the pandemic. The "At A Glance" version is a summary of all the essential



elements for the implementation of Protocol No. IV. There will be no major changes or differences between the complete edition of Protocol IV and the At A Glance version. Both are foreseen as the roadmap needed till the end of the pandemic and the complete lifting of all controls and conditions placed upon any size of public gathering such as worship services.

### **COVID-19 “Questions from the Ground”**

Beginning next week, a weekly updated FAQ document will be posted on our diocesan website, Facebook page and youth ministry Instagram account. Do you have questions about the implementation of Protocol IV, clarifications that are needed, proper interpretations given? In response to these situations are you ready to share with other parishes the best practices you have adopted? If so, please send your questions to our Diocesan Communications Coordinator, Mr. Daniel Bahaud at [communications@archdiocese.ca](mailto:communications@archdiocese.ca)

### **Reopening of the Archdiocesan Centre**

We are happy to announce that as of Monday, June 15, 2020, the Archdiocesan Centre will be open to the public once more. This means that all visitors will be granted access to the building, all the while practicing the public health measures of hand sanitizing and observing the physical distancing of 2 metres. All visitors must use the front door at 151, avenue de la Cathédrale or the door leading to the receptionist's office from the back parking lot.

All diocesan personnel, that is to say those working in the Archbishop's Office, the Chancery, Administration and Pastoral Services may continue to work from home until the end of June. As of June 29<sup>th</sup>, staff are expected to work at the Archdiocesan Centre offices, unless prevented from doing so.

### **2020 Pastoral Appointments**

The letter of the 2020 pastoral appointments will be issued at the end of the day on Monday, June 15, 2020.

I wish to sincerely thank the priests, parish life directors, permanent deacons and lay people for the essential services you have rendered to all the faithful over the course of these last few months where we had to face uncertain challenges. May God grant you comfort and peace.

*“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love and self-discipline”*  
(2 Timothy 1:7)

Sincerely in Christ,

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