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MEMORANDUM

To: All Parishes

From: Archbishop Richard Gagnon + R G.

Date: April 26, 2021

Re: Further Changes to Provincial Restrictions

As announced today by the Provincial Government, effective Wednesday, April 28, 2021, Faith Gatherings, including Mass, will be limited to 25 percent of the church's capacity or ten (10) people, whichever is lower.

As before, the Celebrations of Weddings, Funerals, and Baptisms, are limited to ten (10) people. The presider, one (1) cantor, one (1) accompanist, one (1) Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, one (1) lector, and the live-streaming team, do not count toward the restrictions. In addition, in the case of weddings, one (1) photographer and one (1) videographer do not count toward the restrictions; and in the case of funerals, the funeral home staff do not count toward the restrictions.

Furthermore, the use of face masks is now required for all participants in any liturgy or event, including those who belong to a household "bubble". Only those who are under five years of age, or who have a medical condition unrelated to COVID-19 preventing them from safely wearing or removing a mask (e.g., a person with asthma, allergies, or a physical disability), are permitted to remove their face masks.

Thank you very much for your kind cooperation.