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**MEMORANDUM**

To: All Parishes

From: Archbishop Richard Gagnon

Date: October 28, 2021

Re: Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms

Following changes to public health orders released by the provincial government on October 25, 2021, this protocol takes effect immediately in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg:

The Celebrations of Weddings, Funerals, and Baptisms are allowed up to a maximum of one hundred and fifty (150) people or 50% of the capacity of the building, whichever is lower. This limit applies to all regardless of vaccination status. 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.

Other previously announced protocols remain unchanged. Faith gatherings, including Mass, are permitted for up to 33% of a church's capacity or twenty-five (25) people, whichever is greater; gatherings while in a motor vehicle (drive-in celebrations) remain permitted without limitation; congregational singing is permissible in our parishes along with the use of hymnals; physical distancing and the use of facemasks remains required for all indoor gatherings.

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

Thank you very much.