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CHANCERY NOTICE

COVID-19 Update on Pastoral Guidelines

1.0 As the daily number of new COVID-19 positive cases has increased exponentially and is expected to surge in the next few weeks, and with the emergence of sporadic (unlinked) cases appearing in the community, especially in the Klang Valley, the Archdiocesan Crisis Management Task Force has recommended that additional public health measures be taken immediately to reduce the risk of transmission.

2.0 In addition to the guidelines issued under the Chancery Notices dated 29th September 2020 and 2nd October 2020, Most Reverend Julian Leow D.D., the Archbishop of Kuala Lumpur, hereby decrees the following:

2.1 Temporary Suspension of all Public Masses in parishes located within Kuala Lumpur and the State of Selangor with immediate effect (commencing on the 7th of October 2020). This suspension will be reviewed before the 20th of October and the parishes will be notified accordingly of any future changes;

2.2 Parishes located within the states of Pahang, Negeri Sembilan and Terengganu are to continue with scheduled Masses but should insist on pre-registration of parishioners wishing to attend Mass to ensure that non-resident persons travelling from other areas are NOT ALLOWED to participate in these Masses;

2.3 Live-streaming of Masses will continue for the benefit of those who are unable to attend Mass in person. Please be reminded that the Archbishop continues to dispense the faithful from the obligation of attending Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.

2.4 Additional Measures for Parishes located in Kuala Lumpur and the state of Selangor:

A) Catholics residing in Kuala Lumpur and the state of Selangor are requested to refrain from travelling to neighbouring states to attend Mass to avoid the risk of transmission.

B) Celebrations of the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Holy Communion and infant baptisms should be postponed until further notice;

C) Weddings should be postponed if possible. In the event that this is not possible, wedding guests list should be confined to immediate family members or a number not exceeding 20 persons. Persons falling in high-risk categories, 70 years and above and having pre-existing conditions are not allowed to attend.

D) Funerals should be conducted with the attendance of family members only, with number of attendees not exceeding 20 persons. Persons falling in high-risk categories, 70 years and above and having pre-existing conditions are not allowed to attend.

3.0 Additional measures may be taken in the future for individual parishes and districts, should the situation worsen in these areas.

4.0 Let us continue to be vigilant and fulfil our civic duty in working to bring this current second wave under control. Let us also pray for all the health care personnel and first responders.



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