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Temporary Measures for Returning to Mass (Provincial Phase 2)

The health and well-being of our brothers and sisters is the responsibility of all. As our Parish Church re-opens for public worship, let us all be attentive to some simple measures that will help keep us all safe.

Personal Responsibility

- If you are sick with a cold or flu; if you have travelled recently; if you have symptoms of a cold; please stay home and recover.
- You are encouraged to wear a mask while you are at Mass.
- Wash your hands thoroughly and regularly.

Shared Responsibility

- Please read the information posted at the entrances of the Cathedral Basilica.
- Use the available hand sanitizer.
- Follow the directions of the ministers of hospitality.
- Note the areas where you may be seated ... single worshippers (observing physical distancing) and couples should move to the side pews; families/households may occupy the pews in the centre sections of the Cathedral.
- Kindly follow the directions of the hospitality ministers at Communion time – each row will be invited to join the procession (keeping distance); we will distribute Holy Communion to the *East side* of the Cathedral and then the *West side*.
- As a **temporary measure** all are invited to receive Holy Communion *in the hand only*. This avoids unnecessary physical contact and protects the minister and all others in the Communion procession. For those who do not wish to receive in the hand, please make a “spiritual communion.”
- Follow the direction of the hospitality ministers at the end of Mass – they will dismiss one row at time. Kindly do not congregate in the Cathedral after Mass ... preparations and cleaning need to take place for the next Mass.

Other Liturgical notes (Phase 2 temporary provisions)

- Seating is limited to 30% of the capacity of the Cathedral – with physical distancing.
- The celebration will be simplified. We will use simple refrains/psalms rather than hymns. Hymn books and Missals have been removed from the Cathedral.
- Only one *Minister of the Word* will proclaim the Scripture readings at Mass.
- There will be no presentation of the gifts of bread and wine. There will be no collection ... you may deposit your offering in the collection vault at the statue of Christ the King.
- Just before the distribution of Holy Communion, the presider will hold up the Sacred Host and say: “The Body of Christ.” All respond, aloud: “Amen.” There will be no dialogue between the minister and the communicant during this phase.