



## CHANCERY OF THE CATHOLIC METROPOLITAN ARCHDIOCESE OF KUALA LUMPUR

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### **CHANCERY NOTICE**

#### **Update on Protocols during MCO and CMCO (with effect from 19/2/2021)**

The National Security Council (MKN) at its last meeting had made the following rulings, inter alia:

- a) The Movement Control Order (MCO) for Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, Johor and Penang will be extended to the 4th of March;
- b) The Movement Control Order over the states of Pahang, Negeri Sembilan, Terengganu etc will be replaced with a Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO) from the 19th of February 2021 and will extend to the 4th of March 2021.

Having consulted the Archdiocesan Crisis Management Task Force and in view of the updates to the MKN rulings and SOPs, His Grace, Archbishop Julian Leow D.D. has made the following decree for the territories falling under the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur:

#### **1.0 Territories falling within MCO**

1.1. Public Masses remain suspended until further notice.

1.2. Other sacraments, including baptisms, weddings, first holy communion, confirmation may resume at the discretion of the Parish Priest/ Parish Administrator, subject to the conditions set out in the SOP for Opening of non-Muslim Places of Worship during MCO dated 15th February 2021 (SOP dated 15/2/2021). Based on the SOP dated 15/2/2021, attendance should not exceed 30 persons and should be conducted between 6.00 am and 2.00 pm. If there are more than one service, there should be a minimum interval of 1 hour for purpose of sanitisation.

1.3. In the case of the Sacrament of Confirmation (for candidates that were scheduled to have been confirmed in 2020), parishes which have less than 25 candidates should contact Ms Ann Francis at Archbishop's Office to fix the date of the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation by Archbishop Julian or either one of the Vicars General, Msgr Leonard Lexson and Msgr Mitchel Anthony. As for parishes that have a larger number of candidates, the Archbishop hereby delegates the faculty to confer the sacrament of Confirmation to the respective Parish Priest or Parish Administrator.



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The parish is to ensure that the requirements of the SOP dated 15/2/2021 are strictly complied with. Due to limits on attendees (not exceeding 30 persons), parents and sponsors should be represented by one couple and the celebration should be live streamed for the benefit of other parents and sponsors.

1.4. Scrutinies and Exorcisms (RCIA) outside of Mass, may be conducted in person at the discretion of the Parish Priest / Administrator provided that the conditions set by the MKN SOP dated 15/2/2021 are strictly complied with. Due to limits on attendees (not exceeding 30 persons), sponsors should be represented by one person and the celebration should be live streamed for the benefit of others. If the numbers of the Elect are large, online celebration of the scrutinies (without minor exorcisms) are encouraged.

1.5. Funeral parlours located within churches are not allowed to have wakes/ vigil prayers. Visitors may pay short visits which should not exceed 10 minutes and there should not be more than 5 persons within the parlour at any single time.

1.6. The Parish Office may be opened at the discretion of the Parish Priest/ Parish Administrator.

### **2.0 Territories falling under the CMCO**

2.1. Public Masses may resume in non-Red Zones from the 19th of February 2021 and should comply with the SOP set by MKN or relevant authorities.

2.2. In Red Zones, public Masses shall remain suspended (with the exception of items mentioned under 2.3.).

2.3. Other sacraments, including baptisms, first holy communion, weddings and funerals can resume subject to the condition that the number of persons should not exceed 30 persons.

2.4. The Sacrament of Confirmation (for candidates that were scheduled to have been confirmed in 2020) may be administered by the Parish Priest or Parish Administrator. His Grace Archbishop Julian Leow hereby delegates the faculty to administer the sacrament of confirmation to the respective Parish Priest or Administrator.



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2.6. The Parish Office may be opened at the discretion of the Parish Priest/ Parish Administrator.

3.0 As the situation remains fluid, the Archdiocese will continue to monitor the development of the current public health crisis and issue additional updates if deemed necessary.



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