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CHANCERY NOTICE

Updated Protocols in view of Relaxation of Restrictions for the Fully Vaccinated

On Sunday, 8th of August 2021, the Honorable Prime Minister of Malaysia, YB Tan Sri Dato' Haji Muhyiddin bin Haji Mohd Yassin, announced that the government will be relaxing the public health restrictions for persons who have been fully vaccinated with effect from the 10th of August 2021.

In view of the above announcement and the updated SOPs from the National Security Council and the Ministry of National Unity dated 10th August 2021 and having heard the recommendations of the Archdiocesan Crisis Management Task Force on the public health situation in our country, His Grace, Most Reverend Archbishop Julian Leow D.D., hereby decrees the following for the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur, which will take effect from the 13th of August 2021.

1.0 Public Masses

1.1. All public Masses within the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur will remain suspended. Although we recognise the spiritual benefit of the sacraments in the lives of the faithful, this suspension is made pursuant to the common good as the risk of infection in any public gathering remains exceedingly high due to the transmissibility of new variants and large number of asymptomatic cases despite vaccinations. We also have cognisance that the healthcare facilities and personnel are overstretched to the point of collapse. This suspension will be reviewed in the near future as we continue to monitor the developments to the current public health situation.

1.2. Parishes may continue to provide live-streaming of Masses with volunteers not exceeding 12 persons apart from the priest provided that all volunteers should be fully vaccinated.



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2.0 Sacraments of Infant Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation

As these sacraments would involve infants, children and young adults below the age of 18 who have not been vaccinated, they remain suspended until further notice.

3.0 Weddings

3.1. Weddings may resume with a maximum number of 20 guests apart from the bride, bridegroom, minister and volunteers, provided that all persons wishing to be physically present in person should be fully vaccinated.

3.2. All guests are to be pre-registered for the purpose of contact tracing.

4.0 Funerals

4.1. Funeral Parlours - all funeral parlours located within churches may remain open but are subject to the conditions set out in the SOPs. There should not be any wake prayers. Visits should not exceed 10 minutes and there should not be more than 5 persons within the funeral parlour at any one time.

4.2. Funeral Masses in churches, chapels and Mass centres may proceed with a maximum number of 20 persons (not including the priest and volunteers), provided that all persons wishing to be physically present in person be fully vaccinated.

4.3. All persons attending the funeral are to be pre-registered for the purpose of contact tracing.

5.0 The Common Good and Vaccination

5.1. Although we are aware of those who have expressed hesitancy and objections against vaccination on the basis of conscience or other reasons, please be reminded of the moral duty to protect one's personal health, to pursue the common good and act in a manner which is charitable to others.



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5.2. For the above reasons, the Catholic Bishops Conference of Malaysia in their Pastoral Letter dated 4th February 2021 on Covid 19, Vaccines and Immunisation wrote that “at the present time, given the severity and urgency of the situation and the absence of other means to stop or even prevent epidemic, the common good may recommend vaccination, especially to protect the weakest and the most exposed” (question 5, Part II).

As we navigate this national and global crisis in the coming weeks and months, let us continue to pray for the safety of all front liners, the recovery of those hospitalised, the rehabilitation of our economy, a resolution to our country’s political crisis and for an end to this Pandemic.



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