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CHANCERY NOTICE

Resumption and Public Celebration of Sacraments (Kuala Lumpur, Selangor and Terengganu under Phase 3 and Pahang under Phase 4)

In view of the recent transition of the state of Selangor and Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur to Phase 3 of the National Recovery Plan (NRP) joining the states of Pahang and Terengganu, and the recent announcement that Pahang will be moving to Phase 4, His Grace Most Reverend Julian Leow D.D., the Archbishop of Kuala Lumpur, having consulted the Archdiocesan Crisis Task Force Management Team, hereby decrees the following:

1.0 Transition to Level 2 - Resumption of Public Masses in the Parishes within Kuala Lumpur, Pahang, Selangor and Terengganu

1.1. Subject to paragraph 4.0 hereunder, parishes located within Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, Pahang and Terengganu may gradually transition to Level 2 of Appendix A under the Guidelines for Celebrating Sacraments under the NRP (Archdiocesan Guidelines) with the resumption of public Masses from the 16th of October 2021.

1.2. The total number of persons allowed for each public Mass should not exceed 50 pax for a period of two (2) weeks. This limit will be reviewed by the Archdiocesan Crisis Task Force based on the analysis of the data concerning ICU utilisation, vaccination rate and positivity trends within each state or territory. Any updates will be notified by way of Chancery Notice. This limit will also apply to weddings and funerals.

1.3. Pre-registration should be done and seats/ pews should be numbered for the purpose of contact tracing.

1.4. Full vaccination is required for all those who wish to attend public Masses under Phase 3 and Phase 4 (See 5.2 below).

1.5. Parish Priests should ensure that the number of Masses scheduled are increased in a gradual manner in order to allow the protocols to be fine-tuned within the parish.

1.6. All other services and sacraments included under Level 1, especially for the good of those who are ineligible for vaccination, may continue.



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1.7. Confessions before Mass should remain suspended until further notice. Parishioners may contact the Parish Office or Parish Priest to make private appointments for confession during the week.

2.0. Sacrament of Confirmation for states and territory under Phase 3

2.1. Due to the requirement for full vaccination and as many candidates would not have been fully vaccinated, the sacrament of Confirmation remains suspended until further notice.

2.2. As for the state of Pahang which will be moving into Phase 4 on the 8th of October, the sacrament of Confirmation remains suspended until the further notice.

3.0 Infant Baptisms and First Holy Communion

Due to the requirement for full vaccination for states and territory under Phase 3, infant baptisms and first holy communion (except in the case of an emergency) in all states under the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur will remain suspended until further notice.

4.0 Ventilation

4.1. Before public Masses can resume, the Parish Response Team is to ensure that the venue for such celebration has proper ventilation in accordance with the Archdiocesan Guidelines and the Guidelines issued by the Department of Public Safety and Health in the Workplace. No public Masses are to resume until such steps have been taken to improve the ventilation in accordance with the above guidelines.

4.2. Windows and doors of the church should be fully opened, even if the air-conditioning is turned on, to ensure good ventilation.

4.3. Scheduling masses and other celebration during the earlier hours of the morning may also help in providing a cooler environment.

4.4. As an alternative, open air venues (car park) or covered porches or spaces with good ventilation are preferable.



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5.0 Vaccination Requirement

5.1. Based on the MKN and MNU requirement, full vaccination is required for those who wish to attend public Masses in states under Phase 3. The Archdiocese also requires that parishes under Phase 4 continue to admit only fully vaccinated individuals in the interim.

5.2. Full vaccination requires that a person has received 2 doses of Pfizer/ Astrazeneca / Sinovac vaccine and completed at least 14 days from the date of the second dose OR 1 dose of Johnson & Johnson/ Cansino vaccine and completed at least 28 days from the date of vaccination.

5.3. His Grace Archbishop Julian once again urges each person to prayerfully consider vaccination, and to discern a decision that will best protect themselves, their loved ones, and the common good.

5.4. For those who may still have questions about vaccines, we would strongly encourage you to see your priest and/or a doctor to clarify any doubts that you may possess with regards to issues of morality and the efficacy of these vaccines.

6.0. Opening of Prayer Rooms/ chapels for private personal prayer

6.1. At the discretion of the Parish Priest, prayer rooms/ chapels/ oratories located within a church may be opened for private personal prayer from the 16th of October 2021.

6.2. In the event that the Parish Priest decides to open this space for private personal prayer, he is to ensure that the guidelines listed under Appendix O "Prayer Rooms / Chapels - Private Prayer," are to be strictly complied with.

7.0. Official Opening of the Diocesan Phase on the Synod on Synodality

His Grace, Most Reverend Julian Leow D.D. will officially open the Diocesan Phase on the Synod on Synodality for the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur with a Eucharistic Celebration at the Cathedral of St John, Bukit Nanas on Sunday, the 17th of October at 5.00 pm.

Due to SOP restrictions, attendance at this Eucharistic celebration will be by invitation only and the proceedings will be live streamed on ArchKL.TV YouTube Channel.



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8.0. As our churches, chapels and Mass centres prepare to open our doors and resume the celebration of public Masses, let us continue to exercise vigilance and prudence in our efforts to welcome back the faithful to the celebration of the sacraments. It is incumbent on everyone to adhere faithfully to the MKN and MNU SOPs and the Archdiocesan Guidelines to ensure that the faithful can worship in both a prayerfully conducive and safe environment.

We come to the Lord in joyful anticipation knowing that “He has fed the hungry to their hearts' content, filled the starving with good things” (Psalm 107:9)

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