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## CHANCERY NOTICE

### WEARING OF FACE MASKS IN CHURCHES REMAINS MANDATORY WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KUALA LUMPUR

In a Media Statement on Wednesday, 7 September 2022, Health Minister YB Khairy Jamaluddin announced that with immediate effect, the wearing of face masks indoors is now optional.

The Ministry of Health however **HIGHLY RECOMMENDS** that the use of face masks continue to be practised, especially in crowded areas that include houses of worship. Additionally, the Health Minister in his announcement stated that premise owners can determine whether to make the usage of face masks mandatory or optional within their premises.

In view of this latest announcement, the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur, in consultation with the Archdiocesan Crisis Task Force, recommends that the wearing of face masks in all churches **REMAINS MANDATORY FOR THE MOMENT**. It is our duty to protect one another, especially the elderly, the most vulnerable and those in the high-risk categories amongst our faith community. The continued use of face masks will also provide overall assurance and increased confidence for the wider community as they come to church for Mass and other church-related group activities.

We urge all parishioners to continue to exercise personal and communal responsibility for the common good of all. The Archdiocese will issue updated guidelines from time to time keeping safety as a priority for all worshippers.

We remain united in prayer.

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