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To all members of the Cornell Catholic Community:

At this point in the semester most of us are both 'Zoom-weary' and 'COVID-weary.' You have done a great job adjusting to many changes this semester including our 'Mass-less' campus. All the priests in the county are aware that the Sunday Eucharist is not able to be celebrated at Cornell. They are very happy to welcome you to their churches. That being said, I've been encouraged to review with you the protocols the local Catholic parishes have developed to keep all parishioners and guests safe when attending the Sunday liturgies.

**Masks must be worn at all times.** Hand sanitizer must be used upon entering the church. Those with their own sanitizer are encouraged to bring and use it.

**Immaculate Conception Church** requires all those who wish to attend the weekend liturgies to **register in advance on their website** <http://www.immconch.org>.

- Check in with an usher as soon as you enter the building. **Do not presume to seat yourself.** The usher will check your name against the registration list and then take you to an appropriate pew in the church.
- **A pew can hold one (1) family or non-socially-distanced group** (e.g. roommates or housemates). Singles or couples/pairs can sit in the same pew at opposite ends.
- **Students attending Mass in groups** of more than two (2) people who want to sit together **must present themselves to an usher** who will guide them to an appropriate pew. Please explain to the usher that you are a group and would like to sit together if possible. For the health of the community, please respect the need for appropriate social-distancing and sit where you have been invited.
- **Unregistered students** must present themselves to the ushers and ask if they can be admitted within the restricted capacity limits. If they are admitted they must provide their name and email address to the usher. This is a **NY State health code requirement** that enables contact tracing in case this becomes necessary.

**St. Catherine of Siena Church** has asked all those who wish to attend the weekend liturgies to follow these simple procedures:

- Please enter the church only through the parish center.
- Sign in with your name and email address – a **NY State health code requirement** – in order to expedite contact-tracing should that become a necessity.

- Sit only where directed by hospitality ministers/ushers. Seating options have been clearly indicated where individuals and family groups may sit during the liturgy in order to maximize social-distancing.
- Once the church has been filled to capacity, the hospitality minister/usher will have to close the doors and not allow anyone else into the space.
- Leave the church only when directed by the hospitality ministers/ushers.

Please understand that these precautions are meant to keep parishioners and guests safe and to alleviate a great deal of fear and anxiety. Again, the parishes are very happy to welcome students at Sunday Masses. I thank you – and they thank you – for following these guidelines.

God bless you always,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Daniel".

Fr. Daniel McMullin