



APOSTOLIC VICARIATE  
OF SOUTHERN ARABIA

The Catholic Church in UAE, Oman & Yemen

## **DRAFT TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT**

*for Vicariate Website and Social Channels*

### **REGARDING THE OPENING OF CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN THE UAE**

30 June 2020 (Abu Dhabi).

The Catholic Church in the UAE welcomes the announcement of the UAE Government that places of worship will be allowed to open from 01 July 2020.

Our churches in the various Emirates are working closely with the Departments of Community Development and other relevant government entities responsible for ensuring a safe environment for the places of worship during the pandemic.

Our priority remains to ensure a safe environment for our faithful.

Please note that our churches will open only after the operating policies and procedures for worship places in the respective Emirates are finalized, and the necessary safety mechanisms are approved by the concerned authorities.

Depending on the health and safety guidelines in the respective Emirate, our parishes will be releasing instructions on the opening hours of our churches and the nature of the prayer services which are allowed.

We express our gratitude to the UAE Government and its departments who have been working round the clock to support our communities.

Our faithful are requested to await the relevant communication from their respective parish which will be posted on the parish website and parish social channels.