

**MESSAGE FROM FR. SEEJO
REGARDING VACCINATION
VERIFICATION PROCESS
FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Bishop Fabbro has initiated a policy, following the advice from the Provincial Ministry of Health and regional health authorities, that all volunteers in our Family of Parishes are required to be fully vaccinated against Covid 19. The rationale for the policy is to keep everyone safe in our parishes. Here is the link to this [policy](#).

We are, therefore asking our entire parish volunteers to provide proof of vaccination, by printing a certificate of vaccination or a copy of receipt of the second dose. The dead line to submit proof of vaccination is **November 30, 2021**. You may hand it over to me or to Fr. Pio. You can also email a copy of your proof of vaccination to Fr. Pio's email pdoria@dol.ca

If you are not fully vaccinated, you are required to temporarily step aside from your volunteer role until this policy from the Diocese is no longer in effect. It is indeed the hope of the Diocese that this policy will only be temporary. The policy also states that; "Any volunteer who has been relieved from their duties, and who subsequently becomes fully vaccinated, may re-apply with proof of the same to their pastor or administrator". Please note our Diocese will also give special consideration to anyone who receives a valid medical exemption from a licensed physician. We realize that this is a very difficult situation for many people and for some of our volunteers. We want to thank you for your selfless giving to our family of parishes and to our Catholic Church. Your involvement and sacrifice mean so much, and does not go unnoticed. We respect all your personal views and positions, as we respect Bishop Fabbro's views and position as our leader and chief shepherd for the Catholic Church in this Diocese. I ask of your patience and understanding as we all try our best to keep everyone safe.