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COVID-19 UPDATE FROM BISHOP FABBRO (UPDATE #21)

The Episcopal Council met earlier this week to discuss, among other things, some questions specific to our COVID-19 protocols. With the Province of Ontario opening more venues and the lessening of some restrictions, we are able to make some changes.

1. Singing During Liturgies Now Allowed

In light of the higher number of people who are vaccinated across the province, the WorshipSafe Working Committee reviewed safety protocols regarding singing. Singing is now allowed during our liturgies. All who attend any celebration in our churches are still required to wear masks that cover nose, mouth and chin, and good ventilation is expected to be in place.

2. Dispensation from the Sunday Obligation Extended

The dispensation from the Sunday obligation is now extended to the last Sunday of Winter Ordinary Time, that is up to and including 27 February 2022. The month of March may see further lessening of restrictions, at which time this decision will be reviewed.

3. General Absolution Not to be Given

The practice of celebrating General Absolution was given in the early months of the pandemic but rescinded earlier this year at the end of the Easter Season. The permission is no longer in place and is not given for the coming season of Advent.

Our continued vigilance in our parishes is bearing fruit, and we are glad to see the lifting of some restrictions. With Bishop Dabrowski, I thank all our pastoral teams and the many volunteers who have worked hard to make it possible for us to celebrate our faith under these restraints.

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