



# ARCHDIOCESE *of* KINGSTON

25 March 2021

## ***The Annunciation of the Lord***

Dear Monsignor/Clergy/Religious/Lay Faithful:

Greetings.

As previously mentioned, we have been watching the COVID-19 numbers in the different parts of the Archdiocese and the restrictions that have been put in place by the civil authorities as they relate to the Chrism Mass next week. It appears likely that much of the Eastern and Northern Deaneries will be Red, and the numbers in the Central Deanery suggest that it will be Orange for Holy Week.

Given the restrictions on travel between the different colour zones, particularly once they are no longer Green, and given that faith communities have been held to a particularly high level of compliance, it has been decided that the Mass of Chrism will be celebrated privately at 10:30 am at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception on Holy Thursday, 1 April 2021, with just the Cathedral staff in attendance.

The liturgy will include the blessing of the Holy Oils, and arrangements for distributing them to parishes will be made at a later date. Until you receive the new oils, you should continue to use those from last year; once the new oils have been received please dispose of last year's oils in a reverent way.

May God bless you greatly, as we near the end of our Lenten journey and the Paschal celebrations draw near.

Yours Sincerely in Christ,

+Michael Mulhall  
Archbishop of Kingston