



MEMO

To: Priests of the Diocese of Fargo
From: Rev. Jayson Miller
Date: 05/16/2021
Re: Confessionals and Masks

As COVID restrictions have been continually rolled back, Bishop Folda sees now as a fitting time once again to allow the following:

- The use of confessionals for the Sacrament of Confession. This does not mean confessionals *must be* used, but that they *may be* used, at the pastor's discretion. As a reminder, the minister always has the right to request that penitents make their confession behind a screen. This being said, accommodations are to be made for those who prefer to receive the Sacrament of Confession outside of the confessional, due to health concerns.
- Further, in light of recently updated CDC guidelines, masks are now considered optional for those distributing Holy Communion.

Other limitations and precautions currently in force remain at this time, including:

- Suspension of the Sign of Peace;
- Suspension of the distribution of the chalice to the Faithful.