

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RELATED TO
COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR MINISTRY OUTSIDE OF MASS AND OTHER LITURGIES**

St. Jerome Catholic Church (the Parish), has established protocols intended to reduce the potential for exposure to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) on campus during in-person ministry. These protocols are attached to this form and may be updated from time to time. They are intended for ministry outside of the celebration of Mass and other liturgies, which have their own protocols previously sent to parishes and remaining in effect.

Even with these protocols in place, the Parish cannot guarantee that parishioners, employees, or visitors will avoid contraction of COVID-19. Participation in a Parish activity, program, or event (“Activities”) may increase the risk of contraction of COVID-19 and related illnesses. The Parish asks you to acknowledge the following to help ensure that these protocols are followed and that all will work to mitigate the risks.

- A. I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and that children, youth, adults, employees, and visitors may be exposed to or contract COVID-19 by attending, volunteering, visiting, or working at the Parish, or by attending or participating in Parish Activities. I am aware that exposure or contraction of COVID-19 may result in serious illness or personal injury. I recognize the risks related to COVID-19 and that my own actions or omissions may contribute to the risks or assist in mitigating the risks of COVID-19.
- B. I will abide by and follow the Parish’s protocols related to COVID-19 for myself and for any person for whom I am responsible.**
- C. I understand that the Parish intends to enforce its COVID-19 protocols and may amend its protocols from time to time as it finds necessary and appropriate.
- D. I am informed that circumstances may require the Parish cancel or modify Parish Activities in order to mitigate the risks of COVID-19.
- E. To the extent permitted by law, I release and agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Parish and the Catholic Diocese of Austin, as well as their employees and representatives, from any claim or injury stemming from or related to my or my children’s attendance, visitation, volunteering, or working at the Parish or any Parish Activity related exposure to COVID-19.

_____ *Parishioner/Parent/Guardian Signature*

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

_____ *Parishioners/Parent/Guardian Signature*

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____