

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE FLU AND COVID-19

ADDENDUM

In addition to the directives issued on March 5, 2020, the following additions are effective immediately, in the Diocese of Victoria:

- Mass, Communion Services and other religious and parish-sponsored activities in **NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES** are suspended, until further notice. In cases of emergencies and pastoral visits/anointings, priests are encouraged to follow the guidelines issued by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), in regard to good hygiene practices, before, during and after the visit. This includes sanitizing all items used during the visit.
- When bringing Holy Communion to **HOSPITALS AND THE HOMEBOUND**, clergy and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) are to exercise good hygiene practices before, during and after leaving the hospital. If a posting has been placed on the door of the hospital room indicating precautionary measures are in place, do not enter the room until clearance has been received from the nursing staff. When anointing, priests are to sanitize all items used during the visit.

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