

Updated Directives for Pastors from Bishop Curtis J. Guillory following publication of his Letter to the Faithful of May 1, 2020

1. The pastors are asked to follow the gradual re-opening plan I have provided in consultation with our brother priests.
2. I suggest that you do not compare parish practices, since our parishes range from a few hundred families to over 2000 families, nor with the practices of other Faith communities, nor with neighboring arch/dioceses.
3. Inform your parishioners that confessions will not be heard during the distribution of Holy Communion to them in their vehicles.
4. If any of your parishioners who are approved extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion wish to bring the Sacrament to a homebound family member, they must provide their own pyx when they drive through.
5. Suggest to your parishioners that saying the Rosary or other familiar prayers on the way to receive Holy Communion is a proper preparation, as well as thanksgiving afterward.
6. A priest has a choice regarding funeral services he provides. If a priest chooses to provide only a graveside service for a parishioner, be cautious about agreeing to provide services for non-parishioners who disagree with their priest's decision.

+ C. J. G.