THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE of LAS VEGAS

To: All Diocese of Las Vegas Priests
All Diocese of Las Vegas Deacons
All Business Managers

From: Steve Meriwether, Director of Security

CC: Jonathan Batista, Insurance & Property Manager

Re: Updated Mask Protocols – Effective July 31, 2021

Date: July 28, 2021

In accordance with the latest CDC recommendations and Governor Sisolak's July 27, 2021 Emergency Directive No. 47 ("Directive 47"), the Diocesan Restoration Advisory Council and Bishop Thomas direct that the following protocols are to be implemented **effective July 31, 2021:**

Masks

- As mandated by Governor Sisolak's Directive 47, mask use is now required by all individuals *regardless* of vaccination status who enter any Diocesan facility. This includes, but is not limited to: Mass, Weddings, Baptisms, etc. However, pursuant to Directive 47, mask use:

  > . . . *does not apply to participants in certain activities or events, including but not limited to: athletes, performers, or musicians, to the extent other directives set forth less restrictive face covering requirements for those participants*.

  Accordingly, unless actively participating in those *certain activities or events*, face masks are now required at all times (unless working alone in an independent office or separated cubicle).

Given that recent CDC guidance has been changing rather rapidly, please note that the re-implementation of the mask mandate is the only adjustment being made at this time.

Pastors/Administrators, please:

- Affix the necessary signage throughout your parish, including but not limited to: all worship spaces, offices, classrooms, etc.

- Announce the revised mask protocol at each Mass, on your websites, and in your bulletins.

We ask your continued cooperation and patience as the CDC, Southern Nevada Health District, Clark County, and the State of Nevada Governor's Office continue to update and modify their requirements.

These protocols will be reassessed on a continuous basis.

Please continue taking all of the necessary precautions, including frequent hand washing, keeping your hands away from your face, and social distancing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Steve Meriwether at 702.735.1134 (SMeriwether@dolv.org) and Jonathan Batista at 702.735.2799 (JBatista@dolv.org).

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