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Deacon Ministry During COVID-19

I. Introduction

The COVID-19 pandemic is challenging for many aspects of our lives including diaconal ministry. The following deacon ministry guidelines are based on the decrees and instructions from the Bishop of Sacramento and should be implemented in consultation with the deacon's pastor or supervisor.

II. Safety

Health and safety are critical considerations in diaconal ministry. The following is the framework for deacons serving in the Diocese of Sacramento (reference documents 1-25).

General Principles

- The health and safety protocols enumerated in the Guidelines for the Public Celebration of the Mass in the Diocese of Sacramento (May 26, 2020) and other pandemic-related guidelines are applicable in the exercise of diaconal ministry. Deacons are to diligently adhere to these protocols.
- A deacon exhibiting ANY of the symptoms of COVID-19 or who tests positive for the virus MUST STAY HOME and follow protocols and all county health ordinances.
- If there is an instance of a confirmed infection of COVID-19, the parish and Diocese of Sacramento must be notified immediately.

Safety protocols

- Deacons are to adhere to ALL health protocols provided by the Diocese or applicable county guidelines.
- Deacons who are ordered quarantined by a medical doctor regardless of reason, are required to provide their pastor / supervisor with documentation that they have been medically cleared by a physician to leave quarantine before they return to ministry.
- Deacons who have traveled outside of the country are required to self-quarantine for 14 days. Before returning to ministry, the deacons are required to provide their pastor / supervisor with documentation that they have been medically cleared by a physician and are cleared to leave quarantine.
- Deacons are advised to be tested for COVID-19. Testing is readily available for those who are asymptomatic. Check with the local county public health agency.
- Face masks must be worn at all times except as noted below.
- Physical distancing is to be observed at all times and in all locations.
- Hand hygiene is a must as it reduces the direct and indirect spread of COVID-19. The most effective method includes the use of a 60% to 95% alcohol-based rub.

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Alternatively, hand washing with soap and water is effective but must be done for at least 20 seconds.

- Deacons are to care for the safety of fellow parish ministers and volunteers by providing vigilant instruction of safety practices and protocols.
- Symptoms of COVID-19 may appear in as few as 2 days or as long as 14 days after exposure and may include the following. If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, you must refrain from participating in ministry.
 - Fever or chills – OR –
 - Has felt ill in the last 72 hours – OR –
 - Has one or more of the following conditions:
 - Skin rash
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Persistent cough
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Decreased consciousness or confusion of recent onset
 - New unexplained bruising or bleeding (without previous injury)
 - Persistent diarrhea
 - Persistent vomiting (other than air sickness)
 - Headache with stiff neck

Deacon Health Considerations

- Deacons who have a vulnerable health condition or are 65 and older should shelter in place. Should a deacon 65 and older wish to continue serving, permission needs to be obtained from the Bishop of Sacramento by submitting a written request to the Vicar for Clergy.
- Deacons of any age who are in the vulnerable category and those 65+ should shelter in place. However, there are ministry activities that protect a deacon's safety while sheltering such as:
 - Catechesis, annulments, baptismal or marriage preparation using smartphone or videoconferencing technologies.
 - Social justice and pastoral outreach activities using smartphone or videoconferencing technologies.
- A deacon may wish to serve in minimal contact ministries such as:
 - Serving / preaching at Mass without distributing communion – preferentially livestream Masses with no more than 10 persons in attendance.
 - Baptisms with no more than 10 persons in attendance.
 - To obtain approval for minimal contact ministries, the deacon is to submit a written request transmitted through the Vicar for Clergy. The approval request should include:
 - Specific list of desired ministry activities
 - Single events should be identified by date and location.

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- A series of activities such as regularly scheduled Baptisms or Masses do not need to be identified by specific dates.
- Identification of COVID-19 vulnerability(ies) and mitigating factors
- Approval letter from the pastor / supervisor

III. Deacons as Ministers in the Community

Ministry outside of the Church - Social Justice Ministries

Works of Charity (adapted from “Preparing to Give Directives for Public Gatherings” – 4/24/2020)

- Deacons under 65, while respecting all necessary health precautions, are encouraged to offer their service so that vital social services may continue.
- Deacons 65+, who previously carried out these works of charity are precluded at this time due to their vulnerability, unless a letter of approval from the Bishop has been obtained. Deacons 65+ can provide helpful instruction to new, younger deacons able to do so.
- Safety Protocols must be followed when serving the most vulnerable in our communities. Refer to the local agency for their safety protocols in addition to the protocols outlined in this document, (e.g. local food banks, shelters, & non-profit organizations).

Chaplaincy

- The Diocese of Sacramento is large, partnering with institutions in 20 counties. In order to be in alignment and maintain the trusted collaboration, deacons must coordinate with the local jurisdictions and the local agency supervisor. Volunteers may not be allowed in some facilities at this time. Chaplains employed by an institution must comply with local guidelines. This includes but is not limited to:
 - hospitals
 - law enforcement
 - prisons

IV. Liturgical Guidelines in Mass

Public Mass - Indoor & Outdoor

General Guidelines & Principles (Reference documents 11, 14 & 24)

- This section applies to all rites.
- Deacons must sanitize hands before and after Mass. Whenever necessary, sanitize during the Mass.
- It is recommended that deacons wear masks in the sanctuary when serving at Mass, except while assisting in the Penitential Act, proclaiming the Gospel, preaching, leading the intercessory prayers and while dismissing the congregation.
- Deacons are required to wear masks during the distribution of Holy Communion. It is encouraged that clergy vest in a separate room from lay ministers. Avoid crowding in the sacristy with other ministers as much as possible.
- Only one deacon should assist at Mass.
- When preparing items for Mass, use proper sanitary procedures.

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- If used, ensure that the Book of the Gospels is sanitized accordingly.
- Only the cantor and priest are permitted to sing or chant at Mass.

Introductory Rites (Reference document 14)

- The entrance procession is restricted to the priest, deacon, and server.
- Process in through the most direct route to the sanctuary. Omit processing through the nave. Only the presider venerates the altar in the customary manner.
- The seats of the priest, deacon and server must maintain social distancing requirements.

Liturgy of the Word (Reference document 14)

- The deacon must maintain appropriate social distance for the blessing prior to the proclamation of the Gospel. Omit the procession of the Book of the Gospels to the ambo.
- If preaching, the deacon delivers the homily from the ambo in accordance with the norms of the liturgy.

Liturgy of the Eucharist (Reference document 14)

- Deacon assists the presider in the usual manner except as noted below, mindful of social distancing guidelines.
- The ciborium containing the hosts for distribution is to be placed in an area of the altar away from the presider, and on a separate corporal, when he prays the Eucharistic Prayer.
- The lavabo may be done by the priest alone, without assistance.
- At the Doxology, the presider is to elevate the paten and chalice by himself.
- The exchange of the sign of peace is to be omitted
- Only priests receive the Blood of Christ.
- The presider alone purifies the vessels at the credence table or at the altar.
- The deacon may assist in returning the vessels and linens back to the credence table, after the presider and priests have purified the vessels. If necessary, the purification of the vessels after Mass is an option. Do not forget to sanitize again after the distribution of communion.

Recessional (Reference document 14)

- The presider, deacon and altar server are to recess using the most direct route to the sacristy. Only the presider venerates the altar.

After Mass (Reference document 14)

- The clergy must set the example for appropriate social distancing and avoid unnecessary socializing after each Mass.

Confirmation Mass (Reference documents 14 & 21)

General Principles

- Public Mass – Indoor & Outdoor Guidelines (above) must also be applied.

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- Group pictures, as well as gatherings before and after the celebration of Confirmation, should be avoided.

The Liturgy of the Word

- During the Presentation of the Candidates for Confirmation, the calling of the names of the candidates is to be omitted.

The Renewal of Baptismal Promises

- The Candidates are to remain in their designated places.

The Anointing with Chrism

- The priest will use a separate vessel than the one in which the Chrism is kept, and, wearing a mask, will anoint each candidate with a separate cotton swab. Leftover Chrism should be properly disposed rather than being returned to the vessel of Chrism.

Universal Prayer

- If there is a deacon present, he should read the intercessions. In the absence of a deacon, the presider or the lector may read the intercessions.
- Deacon assists the presider in the usual manner, mindful of social distancing guidelines.

Liturgical Guidelines outside of Mass Rite of Baptism (Reference document 19)

General Principles

- Public Mass - Indoor & Outdoor Guidelines (above) apply to all baptismal rites.
- Deacons are to provide proper instructions to families regarding these guidelines in order to comply with the health and safety requirements while celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism in addition to the usual pre-baptismal formation class and preparation.
- Group baptisms should be limited as much as possible and only done when there is a clear pastoral need. Considering the necessary preparations that must be done between Masses, it is recommended during this time, that the celebration of Baptisms be done outside of Mass.
- When possible, parishes should provide live-streaming services for baptism. This will offer a helpful alternative and facilitate limiting the number of in-person congregants at the baptismal celebration.
- The dignity and integrity of the Sacrament of Baptism must be upheld in the implementation of these guidelines.

Preparing for Rite of Baptism

- Place of Baptism
 - Baptisms must be celebrated in an area of the church or outside location that complies with the physical distancing requirements, health and safety requirements, and the current proposed standard for the number of people allowed to be present in for each location at the time of the Baptism.

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- Baptisms should be limited to include the minimum number of people possible, (i.e., parents and godparent(s) of the child to be baptized). This is applicable even to individual baptisms.
- The place of baptism must be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized after each baptism.
- The water for baptism must be new and not reused. The same water should not be re-poured over the head of another child. Have another receptacle for the water poured over a child's head. The deacon should not use his bare hand to pour the water over the child's head. A baptismal shell or another worthy instrument should be used.
- The Minister of Baptism
 - The deacon is to wear a mask during the entire celebration of the rite of baptism
- For Each Child to be Baptized
 - The parents (mother and father or guardian) and at least one godparent is required to be present at the celebration of baptism.
 - Parents, godparents, and any other person participating are to wear masks during the entire celebration.
 - Children under the age of two should not wear masks.
 - It is not advisable to have other family members present besides the parents and godparents, especially if they fall in the vulnerable category. However, if other family members are to be present during the celebration, the deacon in consultation with the pastor is to set a limit in order to comply with the proposed standard. Physical distancing guidelines must always be observed if other people are present.

Celebrating the Rite of Baptism

- Rite of Receiving the Child/Children
 - The deacon is to sanitize his hands prior to signing the cross on the child's forehead.
 - If there are multiple children, the deacon must sanitize his hands prior to signing the forehead of each child.
- The Liturgy of the Word
 - It is advisable during this time to shorten the selection of readings and deliver a very brief homily.
- Prayer of Exorcism and Anointing Before Baptism
 - The anointing before baptism may be omitted and the alternative prayer is to be used as prescribed by the rite. The deacon, however, should extend his hands for the imposition of hands, without touching the head of the child. If anointing before baptism is done, the anointing must be with a

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cotton swab or ball which must not be reused for another child. The cotton swab or ball should be properly discarded after the baptism.

Celebration of Baptism

- Blessing of the Water
 - The deacon is to sanitize his hands before the prayer which asks him to touch the water with his right hand.
- Baptism
 - Baptism should be conferred only by the pouring of water over the forehead.
- Anointing after Baptism
 - The deacon can use a cotton swab or a ball of cotton to anoint the crown of the child's head. Do not reuse on another child. The cotton swab or ball should be properly discarded after the baptism.
- Clothing with White Garment
 - It is preferable that the family itself provide the white garment and place it on the child. If the parish provides a garment it is ideal that the family be allowed to keep it.
- Handing of a Lighted Candle
 - Have one member of the family (i.e, the godfather) come forward one at a time to light their candles from the Paschal candle, to observe physical distancing.
- The Ephphatha may be omitted.
 - If it is done, the deacon must sanitize his hands prior to touching the ears and mouth of the child.
- The Conclusion of the Rite
 - The deacon concludes the rite in the usual manner with the blessing and dismissal.

Other Considerations

- In the case of an emergency baptism, the baptism should be done just with the pouring of water and the Trinitarian formula. At a later date, the Rite of Bringing a Baptized Child to the Church should be celebrated.
- If pictures are requested by the family, these should be taken with the parents, godparents and child only. If they request one with the deacon, the parents should hold the child for the picture. Until further notice group pictures should be avoided.
- Gatherings before and after the baptism on parish grounds should be avoided until further notice.

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Sacrament of Marriage (Reference documents 18, 24 & 25)

General Principles

- Public Mass - Indoor & Outdoor Guidelines (above) apply to all the rites in the Sacrament of Marriage.
- Deacons are to provide proper instruction of the guidelines in place, to ensure the health and safety of all (couple, family and guests) for the celebration of the Rite of Matrimony.
- The integrity and dignity of rites in the Order of Celebrating Matrimony must be upheld in the implementation of the health and safety guidelines.

Preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

- Marriage preparation is to be done as prescribed by the Diocese of Sacramento and outlined in Marriage Prep for Engaged Couples at <https://www.scd.org/family-and-faith-formation/engaged-couples>. Consideration should be given to providing marriage preparation by smartphone or videoconferencing technologies including any marriage preparation classes handled through the parish and the deacon filling out Forms A and B by interviewing the couple. The signing of the forms must be in person with all wearing masks, maintaining social distance, and washing or sanitizing hands.
- The Place of Marriage
 - In accord with diocesan guidelines, the sacrament of marriage is to be celebrated in the parish church of either the bride or groom or, if required at the time, outdoors on the parish grounds.
 - Health and safety guidelines are to be communicated and explained to the couple and family in the preparation and planning of the Rite of Matrimony.
 - Keep in mind the current standard to determine the number of people allowed to be present in church or at the outside location.
 - The witnesses (i.e., maid/matron of honor and best man), must be seated where physical distancing is observed.
 - Art and environment (i.e., flowers and decorations) must be kept to a minimum in order to lessen surfaces that may be a means of transmitting the COVID-19 virus.
 - When possible, deacons in collaboration with the parish should coordinate live-streaming services of the marriage ceremony. This will offer a helpful alternative and facilitate limiting the number of in-person congregants at the marriage ceremony.

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- The Presider of the Sacrament
 - The Rite of Matrimony must not be prolonged unnecessarily. If possible, charitably encourage the bride and groom to forego certain customs and traditions that are not essential to the validity, integrity and dignity of the rite.
 - The deacon may wear a mask during the Rite of Matrimony and observe appropriate physical distancing with the bride and groom when celebrating the rite, i.e. exchange of consent.
 - It is the responsibility of the deacon to provide the bride and groom instructions regarding the health and safety protocols in celebrating the rite of marriage during the period of preparation and at the celebration itself.
 - Health and safety guidelines are to be communicated and explained to the couple and family in the preparation and actual celebration of the Rite of Matrimony.
- The Bride and Groom
 - The bride and the groom are expected to comply with the health and safety guidelines that are in place. It is recommended that both wear a mask or at least observe appropriate physical distance with the minister and other guests.
 - If either or both bride and groom have one or more of the symptoms associated with the COVID-19 infection, the deacon and the parish are to be informed immediately. Deacons should work in collaboration with the parish to reschedule the wedding if necessary.
 - The bride and groom are to communicate and explain the health and safety guidelines that are in place to their family and friends who will be attending the liturgy of the Rite of Matrimony.
- Family, Wedding Party, and Others
 - If any of the immediate family, wedding party, and other guests fall in the vulnerable category, or exhibit a symptom(s) of the COVID-19 virus, it is highly recommended that they stay home.
 - Every attendee at the liturgy is to wear a mask at all times. They are to sanitize themselves regularly and as often as possible. Physical distancing must be observed consistently as prescribed by the guidelines.
 - The immediate families of those to be wed may be seated together provided that they are from the same household.
 - Each family present may be seated together provided they are from the same household. Each family is to maintain physical distancing with families of other households and individual guests.
 - The wedding party is to be kept to the minimum as much as possible, i.e. the maid of honor and the best man. Bridesmaids and

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groomsmen can be omitted or limited. If they are present for the ceremony, they must observe physical distancing.

- The procession(s) should be omitted. If there is to be a procession of the wedding party, it should be limited to the parents or one of the parents who will accompany the bride and/or groom.
- There should only be one cantor and/or one musician, or one who is both cantor and musician.
- The videographer, photographer, wedding coordinator, cantor/musician, and all others present are required to comply with the health and safety standard. Videographers and photographers are to be provided with instructions on the appropriate areas where they can take pictures and record the liturgy.

Celebrating the Rite of Matrimony

- Liturgy of the Word.
 - It is recommended that the selection of readings be limited to one reading from the Old or New Testament, a psalm, and a Gospel reading.
 - There is to be one lector for the liturgy. The cantor must sing the psalm from their designated area and not approach the ambo.
 - The homily should be brief as possible.
 - The deacon is to lead the Universal Prayers or the Prayers of the Faithful.
- Rite of Matrimony
 - The deacon must maintain physical distance from the couple during the questions before the consent, and the exchange of consent.
 - At blessing of rings (or any other religious article), the deacon may omit the use of Holy Water.
 - The placing of the “lazo”, veil, and other customary/traditional symbols of marriage may be omitted.
 - It is recommended that the rings and all religious articles used during the ceremony should be sanitized beforehand.
 - Hand sanitizer should be readily available to the wedding party, if needed.
 - During the Nuptial Blessing, the deacon is to maintain appropriate physical distance in conferring the blessing, remaining in his place at the altar and couple kneeling in their place.
- The Conclusion of the Celebration
 - The custom of offering flowers to the Blessed Mother may be omitted.
 - The liturgy concludes with the deacon conferring the final blessing.

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- After the Final Blessing, only the bride and groom are to walk out together.
- The witnesses are to follow the deacon in the designated place where the marriage license and record are signed observing physical distance.
- Other Considerations
 - Congregating or gathering after the wedding by other family and guests is to be avoided or at least minimized, in observance of social distancing.
 - If photos after the wedding are requested by the couple, prudence must always be exercised and limited to one area of the church or outside location.
 - The couple has the option to plan the ceremony later when it is appropriate and there are fewer restrictions regarding the gathering of people.

Funeral Rites (Reference 17, 24 & 25)

General Principles

- Public Mass - Indoor & Outdoor Guidelines (above) apply to all the rites in the Order of Christian Funerals.
- Deacons must ensure that proper instructions are given to the family of the deceased.
- Parishes and funeral homes must have a system in place to facilitate contact tracing in case there is an instance of an infection of COVID-19, and be prepared to inform the diocese, local health authorities, and those who were present at the service.
- The family of the deceased has the option to plan for a later date the funeral liturgy or a memorial Mass when it is appropriate and there are less restrictions regarding the gathering of people.

Preparation and Considerations Regarding the Facilities

NB: Please review the guidelines of May 26th for the resumption of public Masses and adhere to those specifications.

- Capacity/Attendees/Configuration of the Facilities
 - Ensure capacity limits are observed. Check your local county public health agency's website for this information or call the county public health officer for clarification.
 - The facilities must be configured in a manner that complies with the physical distancing standards and safety restrictions, i.e. at least six feet. Members of the same household or immediate family members may sit together but maintain distance from other families and individuals.
 - The church or funeral home must ensure the proper sanitation of the entire facility in between liturgies.

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- Clearly marked signs must be placed throughout the facility and limit the areas where people are allowed to congregate.
- Receptions after funeral services in the church or funeral homes are to be avoided.
- Sanitizing materials are to be made available and used as often as possible.
- Use of Worship Aids/Distribution of Prayer Cards and other Materials
 - Eliminate or minimize items or materials that can be deemed as means of transmission to infect others.
 - Programs and prayer cards are to be disposed of in the appropriate manner and not collected or reused.

Preparing for the Liturgy

- Deacons are to instruct families regarding the guidelines for the celebration of the Order of Christian Funerals. Be mindful of the delicate situation of the family. Coordinate accordingly with the funeral homes to ensure that guidelines are followed. Have a compassionate discussion with the family that helps them make the best decision as to when to have a funeral.
- Schedule the liturgies to allow for enough time to sanitize the facility/outdoor location in between other liturgies.
- The funeral liturgies are not to be unnecessarily prolonged. Plan the liturgy to what is prescribed in the rite.
- Limit the number of ministers to serve at the mass (i.e., one lector, one reading).
- If there is to be a eulogy, only one person is to deliver it (strictly no more than 3-5 minutes, in accord with current diocesan funeral guidelines). Video presentations are to be discouraged/eliminated or scheduled outside of the liturgy itself.

Celebrating the Order of Christian Funerals

During the Funeral Vigil

- If Holy Water is used to bless the body or casket, it must be done carefully so as not to unnecessarily sprinkle others with it and should be done solely by the presider.
- Words of remembrance are to be limited to two speakers (to allow for a eulogy and some other expression of condolences/remembrance) or omitted entirely.
- The rosary, which is not part of the funeral vigil, may be omitted and encouraged to be prayed by the family in their homes.

Funeral Liturgy Outside of Mass

- In the case of Catholic Cemeteries, the funeral liturgy is to be celebrated within the property of the cemetery. Deacons are to coordinate with other funeral homes regarding diocesan directives in celebrating the rites.
- Deacons are to adhere to what is basic and essential to the liturgy.
- At the Reception of the Body:
 - The sprinkling of Holy Water must be done carefully by the deacon.
 - The placing of the pall and the procession of the body must be limited to the deacon, assisting minister, and the funeral director(s).

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- If there is to be a eulogy, only one person is to deliver it (strictly no more than 3-5 minutes) in accord with current diocesan funeral guidelines.
- At the Final Commendation
 - If the Holy Water is to be used again, the same instruction applies and it must be done solely by the deacon. The sprinkling can be omitted.
 - The recessional is to be limited to the deacon, assisting minister, and funeral director(s).
 - Physical distancing is to be observed as attendees leave the church/outside location.

Committal

- The area for the committal should be set up in to allow for any necessary seating for the immediate family. Immediate family is to be understood as: surviving spouse, children (and their spouses), siblings, and those who lived in the private residence of the deceased. If a member of the immediate family has a child under the age of 3 that child may sit with his or her parent.
- All others should be situated 20-25 feet from the casket, family and deacon.
- In blessing the place of committal, the use of Holy Water must be done carefully by the deacon only.
- Deacons and funeral directors are to comply with the physical distancing requirements.
- The number of attendees is to stay within the limits has been established.
- Any post-committal gestures (e.g., placing a flower or handful of dirt in the grave), if requested by the family, should be determined in consultation with the deacon and funeral director. If these are approved, they should be carried out in way to eliminate any possible points of transmission and direct personal contact. This moment should take place after committal has taken place and the deacon has been given a chance to leave.

Ministry of a Deacon in the Parish

The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church speaks of three areas of diaconal service: Ministry of Charity, Ministry of the Word, and Ministry of Liturgy. Ordained by the Church for service in these three areas, the ministry of the deacon is for the parish and the community. With respect to the responsibilities assigned to them by the pastor deacons are to coordinate/assist with the following. (Reference document 22)

General Principles

- The use of smartphone or videoconferencing technologies should be considered first whenever possible for:
 - Annulments
 - Blessings
 - Teaching in religious education programs (i.e., RCIA, CFF, Bible study, prayer groups)

Ministry to the Homebound

- Do not visit people exhibiting any of the COVID-19 symptoms.

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- Refrain from visiting parishioners or residents of care homes, health and/or rehabilitation facilities where there have been incidents of COVID-19 infections.
- Deacons must wear masks, sanitize properly, maintain physical distancing as much as possible, and wear Personal Protective Equipment when required.
- Visits to the homebound are limited to distribution of Holy Communion and are not to be unduly prolonged. Consider phone calls and other forms of communication to maintain connection with the homebound.
- Make sure that the pyx is properly sanitized.

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Reference Documents

1. Decree - 3/11/2020
2. Non-essential Large Indoor Gatherings – 3/11/2020
3. Decree – 3/13/2020
4. Suspension of Faith Formation / Religious Education Classes – 3/13/2020
5. Guidelines for Locations in Responding to the Public Authorities' Declared Pandemic – 3/17/2020
6. Decree – 3/17/2020
7. Lenten Season – 3/17/2020
8. Plenary Indulgence Holy See – 3/27/2020
9. Decree – 4/7/2020
10. Preparing to Give Directives for Public Gatherings – 4/24/2020
11. Email “Singing Guidelines” from Fr. Michael Vaughan to Priests – 7/6/2020
12. PowerPoint presentation to Help Prepare the Faithful for resuming Public Celebrations of Mass – 5/20/2020
13. Introduction Coming Back to the Table – 5/20/2020
14. Guidelines for the Resumption of Public Masses in the Diocese of Sacramento – Revised 5/26/2020
15. Elimination of Positions and Reassignment of Duties – 6/3/2020
16. Addendum – 6/4/2020
17. Guidelines for the Public Celebration of the Order of Christian Funerals in the Diocese of Sacramento – 6/9/2020
18. Guidelines for the Resumption of the Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage – 6/11/2020
19. Guidelines for the Resumption of the Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism – 6/11/2020
20. Suspension of Indoor Activities – 7/14/2020
21. Guidelines for the Celebration of the Conferral Sacrament of Confirmation During the Time of the COVID-19 Pandemic – 6/22/2020
22. Reminders and Additional Instructions for the Various Lay Ministers and Other Parish Volunteers During the Time of the COVID-19 Pandemic – 6/24/2020
23. Guidelines for the Sacrament of Reconciliation During the Time of the COVID-19 Pandemic – 6/24/2020
24. Directives for the Celebration of Outdoor Mass – 7/9/2020
25. Additional Guidelines on Celebrating the Sacraments and Funeral Liturgies – 7/15/2020