

Dear and Reverend Fathers,

*As per the latest Circular of Health and Family Welfare Secretary, "any gathering Social/Cultural/Political/Religious/Academic/Sports/Seminar/ Conference and Family mass gathering (except marriages) is restricted to maximum of 50 persons in NCT of Delhi till 31st March, 2020".*

Referring to the previous Circular issued by us, each Parish Priest may please adopt measures to follow that. We had suggested to increase the number of Masses in order to reduce the number of participants, now restricted to fifty. For example, if two Masses are introduced in the morning and evening of Saturday as well as Sunday, there will be eight Masses offered in a parish. Please instruct the faithful that attending any of these Masses would be equivalent to the Sunday obligation. You can also organise each Mass for one- or two-Family units and distribute the participants. Or for example, children and vulnerable groups can be exempted from Sunday obligation and may be allowed to attend any one Mass during the week.

Please see that all our Churches and premises are disinfected after each celebration. Keep the windows and doors open for sometime to get fresh air. Sufficient number of sanitizers are provided for the faithful.

It is advisable that each parish may form a group of volunteers, mainly by those serving in the medical field and facilitate these arrangements.

Please advise our people not to get panic and instruct them to be serious about the precautions not only in the Church, but also at home, and work place as well as markets and public domain. This binds also to all the priests themselves.

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