

Reference Guide for Restoration of Public Masses for Phase II & III of Diocesan Guidelines & Protocols

General Reminders

❖ **No Processional/Recessional:**

The Priest-presider (and deacon) - without face covering - will enter the sanctuary without passing through the congregation, reverence the altar, and take his place at the presider's chair. The Priest-presider may utilize a lectern (near his chair) for the use of the Roman Missal or the Missal may be placed on the altar. The Priest-presider (and deacon) may exit the sanctuary upon the dismissal and reverencing of the altar (to remove his chasuble and return to distribute Holy Communion with his face covering) following the guidelines and protocols

❖ **Liturgical Ministers:**

- *Only two MINISTERS OF MUSIC: (1) Cantor who only uses the cantor stand, and (2) Accompanist: Organ, Piano, Keyboard, and/or Guitar*
- *Only one LECTOR who only uses the Ambo*
- *Only two MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (depending upon worship space's layout and needed Communion stations) – Priest-presider plus a deacon (if available) and/or Pastoral Administrator/Director of Parish Life and/or a newly specifically instructed Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC)*

❖ **Supplementary:**

- *No use of hymnals – use projection screen or disposable Worship Aids (suggested half sheets for necessary parts) or singing by heart*
- *Book of the Gospels [on Sundays and Holy Days – placed on the altar before Mass]*
- *A lectern for Missal for Priest-presider (unless using the Missal at the altar)*
- *Consider purchasing 1½ inch communion wafers for consecration and the distribution of Holy Communion (for a safer and more hygienic distribution)*

The Introductory Rites [per usual]

Gathering Song: *Option A: Refrain only of a familiar song sung once or twice*
 Option B: Entrance antiphon (from the Missal) sung or recited

Greeting

Penitential Act

Gloria (Sundays and Solemnities): *May be recited or sung; if sung use of a familiar setting that needs no print-out*

Opening Prayer: *No Altar Server necessary*

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm (*at the cantor stand – consider familiar settings of the psalm*)

Second Reading (*which may be omitted on Sundays in Ordinary Time*)

Gospel Acclamation (*all sing immediately a familiar setting*)

Gospel (*from the Book of the Gospels on Sundays and Holy Days*)

Homily (*be mindful of time limitations of those assembled*)

Profession of Faith (*recommended use of the Apostles' Creed on Sundays in Ordinary Time*)

Universal Prayer: Option A: *by the Deacon (if one is serving at the Mass) at his chair*
 Option B: *by the Cantor at the cantor stand (with the Responsorial Psalm and Universal Prayer in the same binder)*
 Option C: *by the Lector at the ambo*

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

- *No Procession with gifts (and preferably no collection if baskets are already at designated areas in church when people arrive)*
- *No need for singing - perhaps a short instrumental piece*
- *Setting of Altar: May be done with or without a server with placement of Priest-presider's chalice and paten on the corporal and a separate corporal and ciborium to the right side of the altar*
- *Eucharistic Prayer: Use familiar Acclamations that require no print-outs*
- *Lamb of God: (Same as above)*
- *No Greeting of Peace is exchanged*
- *Communion: The Priest-presider receives Holy Communion during the Mass (and the deacon if present) and the Faithful receive after Mass*
- *After the response to "Behold the Lamb of God..." - while the Priest-presider receives Holy Communion - only a Communion Hymn refrain (with a Eucharistic "theme") may be sung or the Communion Antiphon from the Missal may be sung or recited*
- *The consecrated hosts for the assembly are then placed in the tabernacle*
- *Prayer after Communion (from the lectern at the presider's chair or from the altar)*

The Concluding Rites [per usual]

Announcements

Blessing

Dismissal Option A: *Refrain only of a familiar song sung once or twice*
 Option B: *Instrumental music while the Priest-presider departs*

The Distribution of Holy Communion to the Assembly

- *This is done at the designated Communion stations following the instructions outlined above (and in the "Guidelines and Protocols for the Celebration of any Liturgical or Sacramental Rites Implementing Phase 2 and 3" previously issued)*
- *If an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion assists in the distribution of Holy Communion to the assembly, he/she receives Holy Communion first (at the altar) before receiving his/her vessel for distribution to the assembly*
- *No Communion Song is sung – however instrumental music may be played*
- *Communicants immediately depart the church after receiving Holy Communion*



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