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For Pastors, Pastoral Teams and Religious Communities

**A message from the Diocesan “Deconfinement” Committee regarding:
Mandatory mask-wearing,
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), and
Diocesan churches now open**

We would like to commend you for your contribution, collaboration and involvement in helping to develop and implement the diocesan-wide “deconfinement” plan and in facilitating the resumption of pastoral activities and needed services for the faithful.

Following the most recent Communiqué No. 15 issued by Auxiliary Bishop Alain Faubert, V.G., which addresses mask-wearing in our churches, and in compliance with the latest Quebec government legal requirement, we ask everyone to co-operate as befits good citizens by enforcing mask-wearing in all places of worship as of July 18, 2020. Parish teams may want to consider applying this new measure immediately to avoid possible confusion. We recommend having a reserve supply of masks available for distribution at the church entrance, if possible, for those who do not have one. **In this case, strongly encourage those faithful to obtain their own mask before their next church visit.**

In addition, a segment dedicated to FAQs and Best Practices can be found at the following link: [FAQs](#). Please visit this page regularly for updated information.

A listing of diocesan churches now open is posted on the diocesan website and updated regularly: [Churches Now Open](#). Please contact us regarding any changes or updates to be made in your community listing, i.e. parish, mission, oratory, chapel.

Thank you for continuing to exercise due diligence **in complying with these ongoing requests.**

On behalf of the Diocesan “Deconfinement” Committee,

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