

COMMUNIQUÉ No. 38 – May 27, 2021

INFORMATION

To pastors, pastoral teams and religious communities

Brothers and sisters, the efforts of each and every one of you are bearing fruit. I am happy to share with you all some good news concerning the communities in our diocese:

1. Gradual de-confinement

- **May 31:** transition to **orange** zone status **for the Lanaudière region**. As of this date, parishes and other places of worship within the diocese of Montreal which are located in the **regional county municipalities of Les Moulins and L'Assomption** will be allowed to have up to 100 participants at each Mass, not including liturgical servers.
- **June 7:** transition to **orange** zone status for the regions of **Montreal** and **Laval**. As of this date, all our places of worship will be allowed to have up to 100 participants at each Mass, not including liturgical servers. Up until June 7, places of worship in Montreal and Laval will continue to admit a maximum of 25 participants at each Mass.
- In **orange** zones, First Communion and Confirmations may be celebrated with a maximum of 100 persons in attendance, not including liturgical servers. These sacraments may be celebrated as part of a Sunday or weekday Mass. It is recommended that Baptisms be celebrated for one single family at a time, whether during a Mass or outside a Eucharistic celebration. A maximum of 25 persons may be in attendance at weddings and funerals.
- Families are requested to follow the rules in effect as they pertain to private gatherings.
- In **red** zones, the restrictions remain as they were. A maximum of 25 persons may be in attendance at Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmations, marriages and funerals. In addition, these sacraments must be celebrated separately from Sunday or weekday Masses.
- It will still be mandatory to wear **procedure masks**. Physical distance of two metres must be maintained at all times separating any two persons who are not of the same household.
- **For more information, please see table EASING OF RESTRICTIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN STAGES:**
https://cdn-contenu.quebec.ca/cdn-contenu/sante/documents/Problemes_de_sante/covid-19/Assouplissements_paliers.pdf?1621379007

2. The situation is changing quickly. The government's de-confinement plans call for a transition to yellow zone status for most regions as of June 14. However, one or two regions in our diocese may potentially remain orange zones. We will keep you up to date concerning any changes and adjustments, in order to help you better serve your communities.

3. Patronal Feast Day

Archbishop Christian Lépine will preside a solemn Mass at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral on Monday, May 31 at 5:00 p.m. The celebration will be livestreamed on the diocesan YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9NYP4cnZNcsOXnGx1-Qgg>

I am grateful for your patient and most valuable cooperation. We are all eager to return to a sense of normality, although we are aware that the 'new normal' will be quite different from our previous experience. Let us continue to pray for one another and together pray that this pandemic may be overcome around the world.

In our Saviour Jesus,



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