

Diocese of Kamloops BISHOP'S OFFICE

> Memorial of St. Leo the Great November 10, 2021

Dear Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Diocese of Kamloops,

As we transition through the "flu season" I would like to ensure the safety and well-being of all parishioners entrusted to our care. I would like to remind people to please be mindful with all safety protocols in effect, which are to be observed by everyone. It is very important that if you are feeling ill or having flu-like symptoms, please stay home as to prevent the spread of any illness to others. Let us keep each other safe and healthy.

Masks will now be mandatory to wear at all indoor events at parish facilities, including Mass, meetings, PREP classes, youth events, and others throughout the Diocese of Kamloops. A high majority of the parishioners in the diocese are elderly and require extra care. By wearing a mask we make a simple sacrifice to show our kindness and consideration for the care for others.

Once again, I wish to offer my gratitude for all of the hard work, sacrifice, dedication, patience and understanding from all Clergy, parish staff, volunteers and parishioners for your continuing efforts to follow the provincial and local guidelines that are in place to help prevent the spread of Covid-19. Let us continue being patient, understanding, and showing respect with each other as we transition through these changes as each person is unique and may have a different level of comfort and immunity.

We pray for the healing for all those who have been affected in so many ways by this pandemic. May the Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Joseph and St. John Vianney continue to protect us and accompany us through this challenging yet hopeful time.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

★Joseph Phuong Nguyen Bishop of Kamloops