



5. Priests take proper precautions to clean the hands before Mass. Wishing of people is by folded hands only. Priests wear mask and takes it off before the Mass and wear again after the service.
6. Communion is to be given in the hand only.
7. House visits are to be short and follow all guidelines given by the administration.
8. Senior citizens (65 years and above), the sick and children below 10 years are exempted from attending Sunday obligations. Online Sunday Mass in Hindi will be streamed as is being done.
9. Catechism classes and choir practices are forbidden till further notification.
10. Funeral as allowed by the universal church is done either by burial or by cremation as per the wish of the family. Not more than 20 are permitted for a funeral. There will not be a funeral Mass. Only 50 persons are allowed for Bhog/memorial service.
11. In the celebrations of baptisms too only 20 persons are permitted.
12. 50 persons or the number prescribed by the government is allowed for the sacrament of marriage.
13. In meetings, proper body distance norm is to be kept.
14. For the time being, all lungar sewa is to be cancelled.
15. All parishes must reply in written to the Chancellor as to how you have implemented these general norms in your particular situations.
16. Touching of statues, holy books and articles are prohibited.
17. After the Bishop's instructions to open church services, parish priests will decide with their councils, About the date of the reopening of their churches for community worship and inform the people of God subsequently.

I wish all priests, religious and people of God, the Lord's blessings and good health. Take sufficient care of yourselves without panicking.

Thanking you.

Given on the Feast of St. Mariam Theresia, Virgin and Foundress, on Monday, 08.06.2020 at the Bishop's House, Chandigarh.

Yours Sincerely in Christ



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