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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

MEMORANDUM

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To: Priests, Deacons and Pastoral Ministers

From: Monsignor Murray J. Kroetsch, PH, VG

Chancellor

Date: 7 June 2021

Re: Ontario Moves to Step One – Reopening on June 11, 2021

We have just received a Press Release from the Government of Ontario stating that based on the province-wide vaccination rate and continuing improvements in key public health and health systems indicators, we will move to Step One of the Provincial Reopening Plan, effective on Friday, June 11th. This means that our churches are permitted to open at 15% capacity for Masses beginning on the weekend of June 12-13, 2021. Of course, churches may open beginning on Friday for weekday Masses.

It is expected that churches will be permitted to move to Step Two approximately 21 days later to accommodate 25% capacity.

All the protocols which we have observed for Mass during the past many months remain in force.