



# Archdiocese of Winnipeg

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## MEMORANDUM

To: All Clergy  
All Parishes  
All Institutes of Consecrated Life

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From: Archbishop Gagnon

Date: July 23, 2020

Re: New Provincial Guidelines for Faith Groups & Stained-Glass Windows

1. As you have, no doubt heard, the Provincial Government is seeking to ease restrictions for faith-based gatherings. The new guidelines state that site capacity will "be a maximum of 30% or 500 people, whichever is lower". The guidelines go on to state that physical distancing of at least two metres must be maintained. The guidelines also state that physical distancing between individuals, between households or between groups traveling to the event together will continue to be required. The restrictions related to singing in choirs will continue as well.

This change does not apply to social gatherings, weddings and funerals, or other organized gatherings or events.

Note: Please look carefully at your church's physical capacity to see if you are able to increase your numbers. These Provincial Guidelines are to come into effect on July 25, 2020.

## 2. Stained-Glass Windows:

We have removed the stain glass windows from Micah House (formerly known as Our Lady of Fatima Church). These stain glass windows are constructed in the traditional style and are available to any parish that is interested. They are stored downstairs at the Catholic Centre.