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CHANCERY NOTICE

Advisory for Visitors to Clergy Residences: Bethany House and Bethany East

In the current Covid-19 situation, seniors are a particularly vulnerable group. To reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 to our senior clergy, all visitors to Bethany House, 49 Upper Thomson Road, and Bethany East, 576 Changi Road, are to observe the following measures with immediate effect.

1. LIMITED NUMBER OF VISITORS

There should be **no more than two [2] persons** at a time visiting a senior priest.

In accordance with guidelines from the Ministry of Health, visitors are encouraged to minimize physical contact with each other, wash their hands regularly and avoid visiting the priest if they are feeling unwell, have a fever, or respiratory symptoms (e.g. cough, runny nose or shortness of breath), no matter how mild their symptoms may be. They should also practise **social distancing of at least 1 metre**, whether from the priest or another person.

2. TEMPERATURE TAKING AND TRAVEL DECLARATION

All visitors are required to:

- Have their temperature taken upon arrival.
- Declare their recent travel history within the last 14 days.
- Declare if they are feeling unwell with fever or respiratory symptoms (e.g. cough, sore throat, runny nose or shortness of breath).

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3. RECORD OF CONTACT DETAILS

All visitors are required to provide the clergy residences with their contact details in the event that contact tracing is required.

4. SUSPENSION OF MASSES WITH CONGREGATION

The Archdiocesan COVID-19 Task Force has advised that in view of the escalating COVID-19 situation, **“small-group” Masses (i.e. Masses with a congregation) are to be discontinued with immediate effect”** (communication dated 17 March 2020). This applies to Masses that are celebrated in the clergy residences.

The Archdiocese would like to emphasize the importance of social responsibility in slowing the transmission of a virus. Those who are unwell, even if their flu-like symptoms are mild, should see a doctor and stay home to prevent spreading illness. We seek the faithful’s cooperation in protecting the health and safety of fellow visitors, senior clergy and staff in our clergy residences.



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