

## **Highlights from the Updated Directives Concerning Church Use from the Diocese of Hamilton**

- **The percentage capacity restrictions are lifted. Each church can now accommodate as many people as possible provided that physical distancing of 2 metres (6 feet) between individuals or family units is observed.**
- **Mask wearing remains required. Masks should be fitted properly to the face.**
- **Hand sanitising, though not required, is strongly recommended for all entering the church.**
- **Hymnals, missals, and prayer books may be returned to the pews; singing is permitted but only an instrumentalist and cantor are permitted to lead the singing. Choirs are not permitted at this time.**
- **Votive light stands may be re-opened. Physical distancing is to be maintained.**
- **The crying room at St. Mary's will continue to be used as the confessional for now.**
- **Collections in the traditional manner may again be taken up using baskets with long handles**
- **Liturgical ministries (Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Lectors, Altar Servers) are to be re-introduced as per pre-pandemic practice as long as they maintain 2m distancing.**
- **The one-way movement within the church is to be maintained, and the directions of the ushers must continue to be followed when entering and exiting the church and coming forward for Communion.**