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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

MEMORANDUM

To: Pastors, Associates, and Pastoral Ministers

From: Monsignor Murray J. Kroetsch, PH, VG
Chancellor

Date: 4 November 2021

Re: Choirs

In recent days this Office and our Diocesan Liturgy Office have received numerous inquiries regarding the return of choirs to our parishes, particularly with a view to plan for the upcoming Christmas celebrations.

Effective, **Sunday, November 28, 2021**, the First Sunday of Advent, choirs are permitted in our churches, provided that the following norms are observed:

1. All choir members, choir directors and organists or other instrumentalists must be fully vaccinated.
2. Choir members are to be located 2 meters from each other and must be facing forward when singing.
3. All musicians must wear a mask when not singing or playing wind instruments.
4. If choirs are not located in a gallery, they must be 4 meters from members of the assembly.

The number of choir members may be limited in some churches because of the size of the gallery or designated location for music ministry. However, until accommodation restrictions established by local health authorities are lifted, the above norms must be strictly observed.