

**STATEMENT by THE PRIMATE of A.C.S.A
on The CORONA VIRUS and
HYGIENE PRACTICES in PASTORAL CARE and WORSHIP**

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is prudent to ensure that we review our practices in pastoral care and public worship to keep everyone, especially the most vulnerable due to age or infirmity, safe and allay fears that may arise, because of the outbreak of the Corona Virus.

Here are some guidelines to consider in your Parishes.

Hygiene Practises in Pastoral Care in your Parish

- Availability of hand sanitizer in the worship space for parishioners and those serving in the liturgy.
- Pastoral care workers taking all precautions in personal hygiene before and after pastoral visits in hospital and homes.
- Reminding parishioners who are ill to stay at home to recover and to request home communion or a pastoral visit as desired.

If concern about the common cup is expressed:

- Refresh teaching regarding our theology of the fullness of communion in one kind (bread or wine only).

Alternatives to common cup:

- Receive in one kind only (bread)
- Touching the base of the cup as it is presented but not consuming.
- Intinction – though this must be done properly in a manner that makes contact of the fingers with the wine impossible – preferable with a proper intinction cup. Some Dioceses prohibit intinction altogether.

I pray that our common life in worship and pastoral care will be rooted in the compassion of Christ and appropriate care for one another in a time of uncertainty.

With prayers for all



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