

Cardinal Tobin announces the commencement of **Phase Two** of the *Directives for Re-Opening Churches* on

**Monday, June 15, 2020**

**Phase Two** continues the dispensation from the Sunday obligation and Easter Duty, maintains all provisions of Phase One and permits weekday Masses, Funerals, Baptisms and Weddings (following directives of Phase Three for the celebration of Mass).

1. The Addendum issued on May 27, 2020 indicates that the maximum number of participants for public Mass, Funerals, Baptisms and Weddings is **ten (10)**, inclusive of all ministers and participants. ***The number of participants is now set at 25% of the church's capacity or 50 participants in total, whichever number is lower.*** All the directives on social distancing, wearing of masks and sanitizing remain in force.
2. Phase Two should be used to test and fine tune the procedures for implementation, particularly the provisions you will need to have in place for communicating with your people and limiting capacity.

Cardinal Tobin announces the commencement of **Phase Three** of the *Directives for Re-Opening Churches* on

**Sunday, June 21, 2020**

This is the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time and includes the Vigil Mass on Saturday, June 20, 2020.

Phase Three continues the dispensation from the Sunday obligation and Easter Duty, all celebrations permitted in Phase Two and extends the celebration of public Mass to Sundays with all directives in force.

**All of the directives issued on May 11, 2020 and the emendations of the Addendum issued on May 27, 2020 remain in force with the following additions or changes only:**

1. The *Directives for Re-Opening Churches* indicates that "No more than 50% of the total seating capacity of the church can be permitted for a liturgy." ***The number of participants will actually be determined within the next week, depending upon compliance and numbers, and you will be notified as soon as that number is set.*** All the directives on social distancing, wearing of masks and sanitizing remain in force.

