



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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**STATEMENT**

**DATE:** March 4, 2020

**RE:** Directives and Guidelines Issued to Parishes for Health Considerations  
During Virus Season

**FROM:** Sean P. Dolan

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As a health precaution, the Diocese of Rockville Centre has instructed all Parish Churches to enact the following measures:

1. Until further notice, the Precious Blood of Christ (the Chalice) is not to be distributed to anyone other than clergy (priests/deacons) or to those who for personal health reasons must **only** receive the Precious Blood.
2. Until further notice, the Sign of Peace will not be given/exchanged in any form during Holy Mass.
3. The obligation to attend Holy Mass does not apply if you are ill. Parishioners are instructed to remain at home if they are sick. Those who are able to attend Mass should frequently wash and sanitize their hands and observe proper health and hygiene practices.