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To the Clergy, Religious, and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Biloxi:

On August 6 of last year, I lifted many of the COVID-19 precautions instituted in the Diocese of Biloxi. Since then, much progress has been made in controlling the spread of the virus. I am now lifting all other remaining cautionary provisions with the exception of making hand sanitizer available for everyone entering parish buildings and regular cleaning of holy water founts/stoups.

Ministers are no longer required to wear masks for distribution of Holy Communion, though they may do so on their own initiative or upon the Pastor's request.

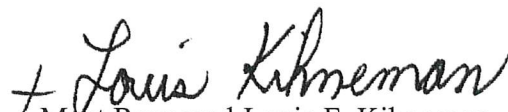
Pastors may, but are not required to, again allow for communicants to receive the Precious Blood from the chalice—with Ministers of Holy Communion, as usual, carefully wiping the lip of the chalice between communicants. The faithful may be reminded that reception of the Precious Blood from the chalice is at their discretion and that it is not necessary to receive from the chalice in order to receive the whole Christ in Communion.

The obligation to personally participate in Holy Mass resumes for all who are able to be physically present and can do so without gravely endangering their health.

As before, a Pastor may temporarily return to some of the previous COVID-19 cautionary provisions if the virus or a variant changes the situation on the ground.

Please be assured of my prayers.

Given at the Pastoral Center of the Diocese of Biloxi on April 21, A.D. 2022.

  
Most Reverend Louis F. Kihneman  
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