

SELF-ASSESSMENT GUIDE

EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF COVID-19 PREVENTIVE MEASURES AS APPLIED IN OUR PLACES OF WORSHIP

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INTRODUCTION

For approximately a year now, the world has been struggling under the heavy burden of the COVID-19 pandemic as it continues to oppress humanity in all the many aspects of our lives. The spiritual sphere has not been spared. Individual and collective suffering has expressed itself in different ways. Increasingly, people are looking to spiritual leaders and their places of worship for their response.

Here in the diocese of Montreal, beginning in the spring of 2020, action was first taken in preparation for the “deconfinement” of our places of worship. Much effort was expended during that time to enable our places of worship to resume the services they provide to the faithful in compliance with government public-health standards, while also respecting liturgical and sacramental requirements under the guidance of the Assembly of Quebec Catholic Bishops and diocesan leaders.

Efforts undertaken by places of worship have varied, however, from a rapid response, leading to an immediate resumption of operations as soon as the “deconfinement” was announced, to a more delayed response, meaning that in certain cases activities have still not recommenced. A variety of factors contributed to these differing outcomes in the different places of worship in the diocese.

With the resurgence of infections in the city of Montreal, designated a red zone by government authorities, places of worship were required to follow partial and ultimately full “reconfinement” measures. The role of places of worship was in the spotlight for a few days. Doubts were floated about how effectively they would be able to control the risk of infection among the faithful, in spite of the fact that no instance of an outbreak in any place of worship had been reported. A restriction was imposed on the number of participants at Masses, with a maximum of 10 persons allowed per celebration.

This situation has prompted us to adopt a reflective approach and reinvestigate our actions and activities in order to satisfy ourselves that the processes put in place in all our places of worship are effective, ensuring the safety of the faithful and likewise complying with the social and governmental branches of public health. To this end, the Diocesan “Deconfinement” Committee recommends that you conduct and document a review of your “deconfinement” plan. This process can provide an opportunity to assess what has been accomplished, endorsing what worked perfectly well and rectifying what did not.

For that purpose, the Diocesan “Deconfinement” Committee has set out in the following pages the items to be documented. Those of you who from the beginning of the process followed closely the previous guide in carrying out preparations for “deconfinement” will find this part of the task quite straightforward. For others, the “deconfinement” committee for your places of worship will have to put in a little more work. Our Committee will walk you through the process as you require.

Kindly complete the attached questionnaire and return to:

deconfinementdiocese@montreal.org

1. IDENTIFICATION

Name of your place of worship	
Address	
Name of priest	
Person in charge of report	
Telephone	
Email	

2. LOCAL "DECONFINEMENT" COMMITTEE

Q 2.1. Has your place of worship established a "deconfinement" committee?

Yes • proceed to following question Q.2.2.

No •

Describe preparations for "deconfinement" undertaken by your place of worship, then proceed to question Q.3.1.

Q.2.2. Give a description of the members of your local “deconfinement” committee:

No.	Title/role on the committee	Involvement (recognized in the parish?)	Age	Sex (M,F)	Profession and area of expertise
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					

Q.2.3. Do you have any comments to share with respect to your committee members?

Q 2.4. Were your committee members familiar with the mandate?

Yes • how were committee members informed about their mandate?

No • why?

Q.2.5. Describe the mandate of your “deconfinement” committee.

Q.2.6. How good was your committee members’ comprehension with regard to:

a. the source of Coronavirus infection?

3. Preparatory procedures for resuming activities after “deconfinement”

In order to carry out its mandate, it was recommended that your committee should gather accurate information about the life of the parish, its committees and active groups.

Q.3.1. In your situation, when planning the resumption of activities, had your committee gathered the following information?

Information gathered	Yes = Y No = N	If ‘Yes,’ was this information useful during your planning process? Or if ‘No,’ could it have been useful?
Number of parishioners who participate in the various services and activities offered by the parish: Sunday and weekday Mass; sacrament of reconciliation; scheduled baptisms; scheduled weddings; children preparing their catechisms, first Communion, Confirmation, etc.		
Description of the volunteer force, in general as well as specifically pertaining to each of the services and activities (>70; 45-70; 20-44; 10-19), their availability, etc.		
Surface area: of the church; of the parish hall; of the meeting- and classrooms, etc. Number of pews; and other;		
Inventory of services potentially to be offered via social media or various platforms (Zoom, Facebook, etc.) within the parish itself or in neighbouring parishes; participation of parishioners in these services;		
Inventory of collaborative activities already in place involving neighbouring parishes or other groups;		
List of available resources employed by the parish: priests, deacons, concierge, secretary, etc.		

Q.3.2. Did you require assistance in preparing your place of worship for “deconfinement?”

No • Proceed to the next question (Q.4.1.)

Yes •

Among the resources used to carry out this task, did you find the following useful?

a. the Diocesan “Deconfinement” Guide?

No •

Yes • Please comment:

b. diocesan webinars?

No •

Yes • Please comment

c. the Diocesan “Deconfinement” website (including FAQ, Communiqués, videos, etc.)?

No •

Yes • Please comment

4. Implementing “deconfinement” activities

Q.4.1. How did you prepare your place of worship for “deconfinement?”

GENERAL CONDITIONS TO BE MET FOR ALL ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN PLACES OF WORSHIP

TOPICS TO ADDRESS	This solution was adopted (yes/no)	Comments (was solution implemented as planned?)
• Electronic solutions implemented: Facebook, Zoom, etc.		
• Celebrations offered (type, number, etc.)		
• Collaborative efforts involving other parishes in the sector to provide more celebrations, etc.		
• Conditions for welcoming the faithful to Masses (first come first served, alphabetical order, entry ticket, etc.)		
• Expanded celebrations (in front of the church, parking area, other)		

a. PREPARATION OF THE PREMISES

TOPICS TO ADDRESS	This solution was adopted (yes/no)	Comments (was solution implemented as planned?)
• Regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces in the church: pews, railings, other surfaces liable to spread infection		
• Availability of disposable gloves, masks, disinfectant wipes		
• Hand sanitizer:		
○ Place at entrance areas of all church doors and at all doorways to rooms used by the faithful or groups; encourage handwashing on entering and leaving		

○ Encourage the faithful to buy hand sanitizer for themselves and their families		
• If more than one Mass: disinfect and spray areas where people were sitting and surfaces most touched (door handles, etc.)		
• Walkways, aisles: place clear markings on floors indicating safe 2-metre distances		
○ Outside and inside the church, for those entering and leaving		
○ In areas where parishioners wait in line (e.g., confessional, Communion, washrooms)		
• Mark clearly the areas in the church where people may sit in accordance with safe distancing		
• Mark clearly any pews NOT to be occupied or simply block access with tape, etc.		
• Provide routes for coming and going that ensure proper distancing:		
○ On entering the church		
○ During Communion		
○ On leaving the church		
○ When accessing the washrooms		

b. PREPARATION OF MATERIALS		
TOPICS TO ADDRESS	This solution was adopted (yes/no)	Comments (was solution implemented as planned?)
• No missals or hymnbooks to be shared by the faithful: provide single-use materials only		
• Adjusting microphone: provide disinfectant after each use		
• Fonts and stoups of holy water must remain empty		
• Use disposable gloves to handle chalices and hosts for celebrations		

Collection		
• Do not pass the plate in the pews		
• Baskets with long handles can be used if the ushers (volunteers) are able to maintain proper distance from the others		
• Place the collection baskets at the exit under the watch of volunteers		
• Set up digital collection		
After Mass		
• Wash items thoroughly with soap and water: chalice, ciborium, paten and all cruets (containing wine, water) used in the celebration. Dry with single-use towels		
• Towel used for the celebration: clean carefully		

c. CELEBRANTS		
TOPICS TO ADDRESS	This solution was adopted (yes/no)	Comments (was solution implemented as planned?)
• The parish priest is responsible for ensuring that instructions and directives from Public Health and the government are complied with.		
• The priest is encouraged to work with the episcopal vicar to ensure that parishes in each area share the same pastoral approach and to supply a presence in case of any absences.		
• A priest who has a respiratory infection of any kind must avoid celebrating or administering the sacraments.		
• Any celebrant who has had contact with a person infected with COVID-19 should remain in quarantine for a period of 14 days.		
• Likewise for others who serve during celebrations (deacons, servers, lectors), as well as for sacristans and ushers.		
• Wear gloves and masks		

• The priest celebrating and the others assisting are not required to wear masks while celebrating the Mass. By maintaining proper distancing at all times, they do not present any significant risk of infection.		
• Those distributing Holy Communion must wash their hands or use a sanitizer before and after distributing Communion		
• As much as possible, the other assistants (deacons, servers, lectors) must maintain a distance of two (2) metres from the priest and from each other		
• No altar servers and no choir at Masses during the first phase		

d. THE FAITHFUL		
TOPICS TO ADDRESS	This solution was adopted (yes/no)	Comments (was solution implemented as planned?)
• The faithful are exempt from the obligation to attend Mass during this period.		
• Anyone having had contact with a person infected with the Coronavirus must remain in quarantine for a period of 14 days. Persons at risk or who are symptomatic must not participate in liturgical celebrations.		
• The faithful must exercise caution and practise the physical distancing rules in effect in their respective parishes		
• If a Mass is being offered for a person or persons at risk, no Communion is to be distributed and masks are mandatory.		
• Families and couples:		
- Are exempt from physical distancing rules among themselves;		
- Are to be counted individually (on arriving) against the total number authorized;		
- Must follow physical distancing rules when moving about inside or around the church and meeting-rooms.		
Must follow criteria re: the number of persons allowed at each celebration.		

- Must register beforehand to attend Mass in order not to exceed maximum number of persons allowed in the church.		
- Must follow alphabetical order for priority presence at church.		
• Arrive approximately 10 or 15 minutes before the Mass to avoid having too many people entering at the same time.		
• Once the maximum of people allowed has been reached, those arriving subsequently will not be permitted to enter. They may return to their cars or to a room where they can follow the Mass on social media, etc.		
• Maintain a safe distance at all times in compliance with the indications posted, especially during Communion.		
• The sign of peace must be exchanged without physical contact.		
• When the Mass is finished, invite the people closest to the door to exit first, then the next pew and so on, always maintaining the proper distance from one another.		
• All social gatherings are to be avoided during this period.		
During celebrations		
• Avoid singing aloud in the congregation		
• As much as possible, do not touch surfaces inside the church		
• Try to avoid using the washrooms in the church		
• Disinfect hands upon arriving at the church doors and on leaving		
• Wait for a 'placer' to find you a seat in the church or in the meeting-rooms		
• Wearing masks and gloves is left up to individual person according to the context		

e. VOLUNTEERS

TOPICS TO ADDRESS	This solution was adopted (yes/no)	Comments (was solution implemented as planned?)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers who do not feel well must stay home; 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone having had contact with a person infected with the Coronavirus must remain in quarantine for a period of 14 days; 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The choir is not to perform and is to be replaced by a soloist or recorded music, especially if members are placed together 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The priest must coordinate parishioners' efforts in disinfecting the church after each celebration, especially between consecutive celebrations. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If volunteers have to handle the microphone, this must be done with a disposable paper towel 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ushers must 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wear gloves during the collection, upon arriving, when leaving and after Communion 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Be careful to maintain physical distancing and to wear masks in public 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have placers/ushers at the various entrances of the church to: 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ensure physical distancing is being maintained 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Direct people's movements on entering and especially when leaving: one pew to leave at a time, beginning with that closest to the exit 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Arrange seating within the pews 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Invite the faithful to disinfect their hands on entering and when leaving 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Limit the entry of the faithful into the church to permit capacity occupation and no more 		

Q.5. RESUMING ACTIVITIES IN YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP

Q.5.1. When did you re-open your place of worship and begin celebrations (following the first confinement)?

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Q.5.2. In your opinion, have the phases of "deconfinement" been applied in your place of worship?

PHASE	Applied		
	Yes •		No •
	Dates : beginning-end	Comments	Why?
Opening the church doors			
Closed door events			
Open but limited attendance events			
Return to normal			
Re-closing (partial or total re-closing)			
Re-opening			

Q.5.3. What events have been celebrated in your parish/mission the periods since the resumption of activities?

Events	Date resumed	Conditions: Frequency, Procedures	Use of social media (describe)	Average number of persons	Comments
Opening the church doors					
Masses					
Funerals					
Marriages					
Baptisms					
Sacrament of reconciliation					
Catechetical instruction					
Other: _____					
Other: _____					

Q.5.2. What resources did you have available to resume your activities?

a. Volunteers: Please describe the volunteers you were able to employ in resuming activities

Types of volunteers	Men/ Women	Age	Availability	Task assigned	Training			Comments
					Content	Conditions	Duration	
RETURNING								
NEW								
Other: _____								
Other: _____								

b. Material resources: List resources you had to procure to resume activities in your place of worship

- Did you have difficulty procuring them?

No •

Yes

•

Please comment

Q.6. How have celebrations been conducted in your place of worship during the periods of re-opening?

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS APPLYING TO THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN PLACES OF WORSHIP

a. MASSES

TOPICS TO ADDRESS	This solution was adopted (yes/no)	Comments (was solution implemented as planned?)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain required physical distance among individuals in sacristy by limiting the number of people having access 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The priest places the Missal on a stand in front of the presidential seat and on the altar when reciting the presidential prayers 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Omit the offertory procession 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical distancing and hygiene directives to be followed at all times 		
<i>Entrance processional and on leaving</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If necessary and depending on the configuration of the church, consider altering the path of the processional to permit maintaining two (2) metres distance separating individuals 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disinfecting hands before the offertory 		
<i>Consecration</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A deacon (if present) or a Mass server disinfects his/her hands and brings to the altar the Missal, the chalice, the paten/ciborium, cruets of wine and water while the priest awaits in the presidential seat (the priest may do this himself if by himself). When the deacon or Mass server leaves the altar, the priest approaches the altar and arranges the articles on it 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The basin should be used by the priest only, without any assistant(s), at the nearby credence table or to one side on the altar itself 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When the priest is standing at the middle of the altar, a Mass server can put away the lavabo articles 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If hosts are to be consecrated for the Communion of the faithful, they must first be covered and placed on the special corporal on one side of the altar (this allows the priest to pronounce the consecration directly over the wafer that he will take, while the rest remain to one side during the Eucharistic Prayer) 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the consecration, the chalice remains covered 		
<i>Elevation</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the moment of the elevation of the consecrated hosts, when the priest says, “By Him, with Him, in Him,” a deacon, if present, may stand beside the priest to elevate the chalice. This does not take long, and he must meanwhile remain at a distance of two metres from the priest during that action 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sign of peace is to be exchanged without physical contact 		
<i>Distribution of Holy Communion</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The presider consumes the entire host designated for him at the moment of Communion and does not share with anyone 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The presider alone takes Communion from the chalice. If it is a concelebration, provide two chalices 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If there is a deacon serving, he will take Communion by the Body of Christ only, or else a chalice must be provided for him 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The presider puts on the mask after taking Communion, disinfects his hands again before distributing Communion 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If there are ordinary or extraordinary ministers of the Communion, they will disinfect their hands immediately before receiving the ciborium from the presider; extraordinary ministers do not take the ciborium from the altar by themselves 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All ministers of the Communion must wear masks while distributing Communion 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before the distribution of Communion begins, since it is conducted in silence, the presider says, “The Body of Christ,” and the congregation responds, “Amen.” 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is possible to celebrate Mass without distributing Holy Communion to the faithful, as it is to offer Holy Communion during the Mass 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before commencing the distribution of Communion, explain again clearly the rules to be followed by the faithful in moving about during Communion. The first few times, it 		

would be preferable to place some volunteers in the nave to help maintain the rules regarding moving about inside the church.		
COMMUNION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MASS		
• For distribution among the faithful, the hosts must be consecrated during the Mass		
• The priest (and the deacon, if present) will take Communion normally but will not proceed immediately to distribute Communion to the Mass servers or the faithful. The consecrated hosts will be placed in the tabernacle until the conclusion of the Mass		
• After the conclusion of the Mass and the dismissal, the priest (and the deacon, if present) will remain in the sanctuary. The priest removes the chasuble in the presidential seat and the deacon takes off the dalmatic		
• A table is placed at each Communion station with an uncovered corporal and a dispenser of hand disinfectant		
• The priest (along with any other minister of Communion) will wash his hands with disinfectant immediately before approaching the tabernacle. He may also wear a mask or other face covering		
• Wearing the alb and the stole, the priest will take the newly consecrated hosts from the tabernacle and return to the altar		
• The priest (along with any other minister of Communion present) walks to the place prepared for the distribution of Communion. He/they will stand by his/their respective table on which the corporal and the hand disinfectant have been placed in order to begin the distribution of Communion		
• During the Communion procession, the occupants of one pew at a time will proceed to communicate ; placers will assist in order to maintain the 2 metres distance between communicants		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The faithful will remove their masks (if such is the case) at the moment of receiving Holy Communion 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion must not be distributed with gloves or received in the hands of the faithful if they are wearing gloves (the hand disinfectant is effective against the virus, and gloves are useless if the priest's hands are disinfected) 		
<p><i>Communion in the hand:</i> If the priest or minister becomes aware that his fingers have been in contact with those of one of the faithful, he must stop, set down the ciborium on the corporal and use the disinfectant (he can even arrange a container on the table for an ablution in order to purify his fingers in the ablution container before using the disinfectant). This procedure is to be followed as many times as he deems it necessary in the course of the distribution of Communion. There is no need to use disinfectant between every two communicants, unless there has been actual contact</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having finished the distribution of Holy Communion, the priest and other minister(s) take back to the tabernacle the hosts that have not been consumed. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The faithful leave after having said a prayer of thanksgiving. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass and Communion for the faithful in their vehicles: In the case where the faithful are in their vehicles (for an in-car Mass or distribution of Communion), communicants must step out of their vehicles to receive Communion, on the basis of one vehicle at a time. 		
<p>Your procedure for Communion (if different from the foregoing)</p>		

b. FUNERALS		
TOPICS TO ADDRESS	This solution was adopted (yes/no)	Comments (was solution implemented as planned?)
• When funerals are held in the church, parishioners must be advised of the requirement to limit the number of participants (as for a Mass)		
• The same hygiene and physical distancing rules are to be followed, as are all rules pertaining to preparation of the church, to celebrants, volunteers and the faithful		
• For funerals with the body present, the arrival and departure of the hearse must be effected in compliance with the physical distancing rules applied to the representatives of the funeral home among themselves and to the members of the congregation present		
• Funerals with cremated remains present in an urn must follow the general rules applicable to a church celebration		
• Family members do not have to sign a register and do not participate in any liturgical rites, such as sprinkling or incensing the casket		
• If family members wish to pronounce a farewell to their deceased, they do so from the congregation and without a microphone ; if one has been used it must be disinfected after the Mass		
• If the Mass is celebrated with Communion, the same rules apply as for the Mass		
• No gatherings are to take place following the celebration on the parish premises		

c. BAPTISMS (In addition to general directives, special rules apply)		
TOPICS TO ADDRESS	This solution was adopted (yes/no)	Comments (was this solution implemented as planned?)
• Preferably, baptize one child at a time		
• The child should be held by its parent or godparent		
• The priest guides the parent/godparent to repeat the appropriate words when the Sacrament is given		

d. MARRIAGES (In addition to general directives, special rules apply)

TOPICS TO ADDRESS	This solution was adopted (yes/no)	Comments (was solution implemented as planned?)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bride and groom arrange their bridal procession in compliance with the physical distancing rules applying to the congregation; between the couple themselves, physical distancing need not be applied 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ceremony does not call for any special considerations 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the celebration of a Mass is desired, the same rules apply as for a Mass 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the registers have not been signed before the ceremony, each person of the couple and their witnesses must sign with his/her own pen, wearing gloves if necessary, since signatures must appear on the same page 		

e. FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

TOPICS TO ADDRESS	This solution was adopted (yes/no)	Comments (was solution implemented as planned?)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the actual ceremony, each child or catechumen can be seated with his/her family members in one pew (the number of participants set depending on the numbers authorized for any celebration) 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and their families will be seated and separated by one or two pews from other families 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families will arrive to be admitted by alphabetical order and seated in pews in compliance with health safety standards 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When the time comes for Holy Communion, the children approach one by one, observing physical distancing rules; the catechists may assist in directing them 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The priest takes his position behind the table on which the hosts and hand disinfectant are placed; the process of taking Communion is the same as described under instructions for the Mass 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child returns by the side aisle and sits on that end of his/her designated pew, thus leaving space for the other family members to go take Communion 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If there is to be no Communion for the family, the child returns after his/her Communion using the side aisle: 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ He/she enters the pew and sits in the previous spot with parents, OR 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ He/she enters the first unoccupied pew and sits at the end by the centre aisle facing the sanctuary until the Communion processional is finished. When all the children have received Holy Communion, they may all return to be seated with their families 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exiting the church will be carried out as for all other Masses; no social gatherings will be held on the church premises 		

5. SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION		
TOPICS TO ADDRESS	This solution was adopted (yes/no)	Comments (was solution implemented as planned?)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A day of the week when the timetable has been adjusted to reserve a time for this sacrament; priest and the faithful follow the hygiene and physical distancing measures in effect 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The meeting takes place in the priest's office, in the sacristy or in a confessional booth that permits proper physical distancing; masks are to be worn 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A period before the Mass is designated, and the faithful must: 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wait near the confessional 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Observe the lines marked on the floor indicating proper distancing and the route to be followed to return to one's seat in the church 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Masks must be worn 		

6. CATECHESIS

TOPICS TO ADDRESS	This solution was adopted (yes/no)	Comments (was solution implemented as planned?)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some parishes have resumed catechetical activities using social media (Zoom, Teams, Skype, etc.) 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distancing and sanitary measures are to be followed as for any activity or celebration held on the premises of a place of worship 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to resume activities in a parish setting, some adjustments are to be put into effect: 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The path leading to classrooms is to be organized to facilitate the children's movement in the hall 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Markings on the floor to indicate the path to follow from entering the church to the classroom doors 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Classrooms to be numbered, if there are more than one 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Signs clearly indicating the path to get to each of the classrooms and to leave 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Signs indicating how to access washrooms as well 		
Catechism classrooms		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The capacity of children per individual classroom is to be calculated and meetings will be scheduled accordingly 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rooms to be cleaned after each group and especially between consecutive groups 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seats to be assigned by name and adequately spaced from one another 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Catechists' seats are also to be placed at a proper distance from the children 		
Children's arrival and departure		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Children are to be brought to class and collected afterwards by one parent only 		

○ The parent is to accompany the child to the meeting-room and wait in line with the child, following instructions regarding physical distancing as well as indications of the particular route designated for each child		
○ Without personally approaching the catechists, the parent will leave the child with the catechists and come to the door afterwards to collect the child		
Safe use of materials required for the catechesis		
○ Each child will use his or her own materials and will not share them with friends		
○ The number of tools should be limited in order to simplify disinfection before and after use		
○ Preference to be given to alternative methods of instruction: slide presentations, video presentations, music and singing, role playing while maintaining proper physical distancing, projects to be prepared at home and exhibited in class and then taken home again at the end of the class		

7. BIBLE GROUPS AND OTHER MEETINGS (FABRIQUE COUNCILS, PASTORAL TEAMS, ETC.)		
TOPICS TO ADDRESS	This solution was adopted (yes/no)	Comments (was solution implemented as planned?)
• These types of pastoral and parish activities have resumed gradually, taking place by electronic means such as Zoom, Teams, Skype, etc.		
• If the decision is made to hold meetings on parish premises, the general rules of physical distancing and disinfection are to be thoroughly observed		

Q.7. YOUR OVERALL ASSESSMENT AND IMPRESSIONS WITH REGARD TO THIS EXPERIENCE OF IMPLEMENTATION

Q.7.1 What is your overall assessment of the resumption of activities in your place of worship?

Q.7.2. What did you find difficult/easy about it? What was helpful?

Q.7.3 What were your efforts to reach people where they are, whether they are on- or off-line?

Q.7.4. Concerning the adaptations put into practice in order to provide pastoral, sacramental and parochial services that respect the experience of liturgical life, as well as parish and personal life in this time of pandemic, how would you describe the satisfaction level for the following groups?

Q.7.4.a. The parishioners (please comment)

Q.7.4.b. The volunteers

Q.7.4.c. The members of the local "deconfinement" committee

Q.7.7. What is your assessment of the Zoom meetings held on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. with the Diocesan "Deconfinement" Committee?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR VALUABLE COOPERATION!

