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*Feast of the Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica*

**TO: ALL BASILICA AND SHRINE RECTORS AND PARISH PRIESTS OF THE  
DIOCESE OF MALOLOS**

**RE: APPROVED GUIDELINES ON THE LIVESTREAMING OF MASSES**

Reverend Monsignori and Fathers:

Peace and Goodwill!

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines issued CBCP Circular 22-36 "Encouraging the Faithful to return to Sunday Masses in Churches" calling for the dioceses across the country to encourage the lay faithful to return to physical participation during the Mass, especially on Sundays. Even before this, there has already been a growing concern on the understanding of the limits of virtual participation in a live streamed celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Thus, the letter suggested to "evaluate and study the needed frequency of celebrations of the Holy Eucharist by live streaming."

**After careful study of this matter by the Diocesan Commission on Social Communications in consultation with the Diocesan Commission on Liturgy, I am issuing these *Approved Guidelines on the Livestreaming of Masses*. These guidelines will be fully implemented to all parishes in the Diocese on the First Sunday of Advent, 27 November 2022. I also call upon your assistance with properly educating the lay faithful on the rationale of these guidelines.**

I hope that through these guidelines, we may be able to encourage the lay faithful to return to their regular onsite participation in the celebrations of Masses in our parishes while also considering the need for virtual participation of the elderly and the infirmed. Thank you for your support in this pastoral endeavor.

Yours in Christ,

  
+ DENNIS C. VILLAROJO, D.D.  
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### GUIDELINES ON LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES (POST-QUARANTINE)

Effectivity: 27 November 2022

Due to pastoral consideration for those who are in situations where physical attendance in Church is hindered by reason of sickness, old age or persecution in other countries, LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES ARE TO BE CONTINUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

1. Parishes with no live streaming equipment are not required to have one.
2. Parishes with existing live streaming equipment may continue live streaming their masses with some limitations:
  - a. Masses in Chapels or SPPC are not to be live streamed except during their novenario and fiesta masses.
  - b. Live streaming of daily masses in parishes is optional or allowed only once-a-day.
  - c. Live streaming of Sunday masses is allowed only twice-a-day (one in the morning, one in the afternoon).
3. Live Streaming of the Holy Mass should lead the viewers to an experience of prayer and appreciation of the word of God. Thus, the following must be considered:
  - a. Audio must be clear and video must be visible with proper lighting.
  - b. Live video must be uninterrupted. Use of images and animated graphics (GIF) in place of some parts of the mass is not allowed.
  - c. Avoid unnecessary changing of angles or movement of the camera. Crowd shots during the mass is discouraged. Focus on the altar, ambo and presider should always be prioritized.
  - d. Use of licensed music is discouraged.
  - e. Texts that may help the viewers' devotion may also be placed on the live stream but the font and graphics should not occupy more than 1/3 of the screen.
4. The act of spiritual communion is not to be prayed aloud inside the church. The text of the prayer is to be flashed on the live stream only, or if available, a voice recording may also be played (on live stream only) to aid the visually impaired.
5. The audience/viewers are to be reminded of the purpose of live streamed masses and the importance of attending the mass in person. These reminders are to be included in the caption of the live streamed Masses. Slides or a video on this reminder may also be played before and after the mass.<sup>1</sup> (See Addendum)
6. Schedule of Masses, celebration of sacraments and other activities in the Church should be promoted in the official social media accounts of the Parish.
7. Clarifications on these guidelines may be directed to the Diocesan Commission on Social Communications.

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<sup>1</sup> Short video catechism on live streaming of masses are now available through the program produced by Ang Sandigan and Asuncion Media Ministry, "Itanong Mo Kung Bakit kay Msgr. Andy". You may access these materials through this link: <https://www.facebook.com/ItanongMoKungBakit>.



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### ADDENDUM:

#### SAMPLE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND TEXTS FOR LIVE STREAMED MASSES

##### I. PABATID

*(Maaari ding basahin ng commentator sa bahaging akma sa loob o labas ng Misa)*

Sa patuloy na pagluwag ng mga *restriction* kaugnay ng pandemya, ang lahat ng mananampalataya ay hinihikayat nang makiisa sa pagdiriwang ng Banal na Misa sa mismong Simbahan.

Kaya simula sa ika-27 ng Nobyembre, lilimitahan na ang mga *live streamed Mass* sa buong Diyosesis ng Malolos. Makipag-ugnayan sa opisina o tingnan sa *official social media accounts* ng Parokya ang mga oras ng Banal na Misa sa simbahan at kung anong oras ang *live streamed Mass* para sa mga hindi makadadalo sa Misa dahil sa mabigat na kadahilanan (tulad ng katandaan, karamdaman o pag-uusig sa pananampalataya lalo na ang mga nasa ibang bansa).

##### II. PROPOSED REMINDERS ABOUT LIVE STREAMED MASSES (to be shown before and after live streamed masses)

1. Ang *Virtual Mass* o *Live Streaming* ay hindi sapat na kapalit ng pakikiisa sa Banal na Misa sa mismong Simbahan. Hinihikayat ang lahat na kung may pagkakataon, magsimba upang matanggap ang katawan at dugo ng Panginoon.
2. Mahalaga rin ang pangungumpisal lalo na kung nakagawa ng mabigat na kasalanan upang matanggap nang buo ang mga biyayang espiritwal ng Banal na Misa, *online* man o *face to face*.
3. Bagaman *Virtual* po ang ating pagdiriwang, mahalaga pa rin ang disposisyon sa panalangin. Magbihis nang maayos at makiisa sa pagtugon o pag-awit. Kung maaari, tumayo at lumuhod rin sa mga mga bahagi ng misa na angkop ito.
4. Alisin ang anumang magiging sagabal sa taimtim na panalangin katulad ng gadgets at iba pang bagay.
5. Maaari po ninyong ipadala ang inyong handog sa simbahan sa pamamagitan ng GCash at Bank Accounts ng ating parokya na makikita ninyo sa screen.
6. Maraming Salamat po. Hangad naming makasama kayo sa pagdiriwang sa tahanan ng Panginoon sa lalong madaling panahon.