

November 11, 2021

Dear Monsignor or Father or Deacon:

I hope this finds you doing well. I'm writing to update you on our COVID-19 protocols.

On Tuesday (Nov. 9, 2021) the Presbyteral Council approved the following changes to our diocesan COVID-19 protocols for the celebration of Mass, effective immediately:

- a. The use of hymnals is now permitted.
- b. Having ushers take up the collection using baskets with long handles is now permitted. The use of collection baskets without handles – such that they must be passed from person to person along the pew – is to be avoided.

The following restrictions remain in place: no holy water in the fonts, no offertory processions, and no distribution of the Precious Blood. Those distributing Communion should continue to be vaccinated, wear a mask, and sanitize their hands.

Thank you for your continued pastoral ministry during these difficult days. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Father Kujawinski, Father Singer, or me.

Sincerely,  
Msgr. Edward M. Lohse  
Vicar General