

10 PEOPLE AUTHORIZED IN PLACES OF WORSHIP

Last weekend, the Quebec government relaxed the lockdown regulations for places of worship. Our churches can now welcome a maximum of 10 people for an act of worship. Please note that we are not allowed to welcome a second group of 10 people in a separate church hall at the same time.

Please note the strict conditions set out by the authorities:

- i. Priests and volunteers must show a rigorous example and encourage other members of the assembly to respect the health measures in force:
 - a. physical distancing of 2 metres
 - b. hand washing at the entrance AND at the exit of the place of worship
 - c. wearing a face cover at all times (except for the priest, and the reader during readings).
- ii. There will be no singing, not even from a soloist.
- iii. The attendance register remains compulsory for each place of worship.
- iv. Places of worship cannot be used as a place of refuge for the homeless.

Concerning (ii), please note that a singer can still be involved in a celebration that is meant for distribution on the internet, as long as there is no one in the congregation.

Each parish team will have to decide how to implement this directive. Decisions will vary from parish to parish depending on the space available, the priest's schedule, the availability of volunteers, etc. We invite the faithful to consult their own parish to see what is happening.

The lockdown seems to be improving the situation in Quebec. Let us continue to show solidarity in our fight against this terrible disease.