



# Archdiocese of Cape Town

Office of the Auxiliary Bishop of Cape Town

12<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**To all Clergy, Religious, and Institutions in the Archdiocese**

**Lockdown level four: The *status quo* remains**

Following the announcement by the President on the evening of 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021, we wish to confirm that our protocol issued on 28<sup>th</sup> June will remain in place until further notice. Hopefully the restrictions will be lessened on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021. The Archbishop's dispensation from attending Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation is also extended until further notice.

Apart from the pandemic, South Africa and Eswatini have witnessed acts of violence and destruction in recent days. As a response to this we ask that all live streamed Masses begin with the prayer for peace in Southern Africa. It is recommended that all liturgies, whether live streamed or not, include this prayer for peace. The text is included as page two of this letter. Depending on the celebrant other relevant prayer texts may be used.

We also wish to draw attention to the notice about feeding the poor issued on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 and make a special appeal to parishes to assist with this corporal act of mercy. As indicated on 2<sup>nd</sup> July food is to be given on a take away basis only. Feeding the hungry is deemed an essential service and Church premises may be used for that purpose provided all safety protocols are observed. Here we rely on the pastoral discretion of the Parish Priest/Administrator as to how this is organised.

We thank all concerned for your patience and for the many sacrifices that have been made thus far. We urge Parishes and communities to fervently promote an increase in family/community prayer during this time.

Fraternally,

+ Sylvester David OMI



Bishop S. David OMI  
VG/Auxiliary Bishop

## **Prayer for peace in Southern Africa**

O! God of justice and love, bless us, the people of Southern Africa, and help us to live in your peace.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury; let me sow pardon;

Where there is discord, let me sow harmony.

Divine Master, grant that I may not so much

Seek to be understood, as to understand;

To be loved, as to love;

To receive sympathy, as to give it;

For it is in giving that we shall receive,

In pardoning that we shall be pardoned,

In forgetting ourselves that we shall find

Unending peace with others.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.