

**Archdiocese of Santa Fe**  
**Vicar General**

**MEMO**

To: Pastors, PLCs, other Clergy, Religious and Catholic Center Staff

From: Vicar General

Date: Friday, July 24, 2020

Re: Periodic Communication

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Dear all,

No changes to our COVID responses/directives this week. Today's communique is simply to disseminate a little information to you.

- We're still hearing of some priests doing long homilies despite the directives issued. The AB is adamant that homilies during this pandemic be limited to no more than 5 minutes when a congregation is present. Some persons have written stating their discomfiture at coming to Mass when having to stay for a long period—both fearful of contagion and with difficulties in breathing while masked. Protection of life and health need take priority over long homilies, which can be resumed once normalcy returns.
- Many are asking about protocols of the schools. The superintendent and St. Pius principal will disseminate information as it changes/comes in. We're having to monitor the state's health orders in such matters.

Please see the attachments to this e-mail as well.

Thanks to all for your work and ministries,

*V. Rev. Glenn Jones*  
*Vicar General*