

Addendum to “Directives Regarding Liturgical Practices During the 2019 Flu Season”

To Monsignors, Priests, Deacons, Religious Sisters, Parish Life Coordinators, and Catholic Center Staff:

The Archdiocese has been receiving several complaints from laity who are insistent on receiving Holy Communion upon the tongue despite the important reasons and purpose outlined in the recently-promulgated Archdiocesan “Directives Regarding Liturgical Practices During the 2019 Flu Season”.

To accommodate such persons, please request privately to these persons in your parish/ministry that they wait to be the final ones to receive the Eucharist during Holy Communion so as to minimize possible spread of viral influenza. Hand sanitizer should be readily available and utilized by Ordinary and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion both prior to and after distribution of the Eucharist.

Please remind those persons informed that this year’s flu is very virulent and deaths have occurred even among those who are relatively young, and the Archdiocese instituted the above-mentioned directives to protect them and all others from possible fatal infection. It would be an act of charitable responsibility if they could adhere to the Directives during the minimal time they are enacted.