



# Archbishop of Kota Kinabalu

24 June 2020

To all Parish Priests,

## IMPORTANT COMMUNIQUE

### PLEASE TAKE NOTE

1. The Federal Ministry of National Unity has been entrusted to oversee the implementation of the SOP for the reopening of all non-Islamic places of worship.
2. At the State level, it is the Ministry of Law and Native Affairs that oversees the implementation of the SOP.
3. Before the reopening of our churches:

#### Role of the Archdiocese:

- (a) To come up with its own "Protocol for Religious Services" for all parishes. *[This is ready.]*
- (b) The Archdiocese is required to inform the State Ministry of Law and Native Affairs regarding the list of churches which are to be reopened, and the date to reopen.
- (c) The Archdiocese will submit to the State Ministry by 29 June 2020 the list which was given by all parishes earlier. If there are any changes, please inform the Archdiocesan Secretariat latest by 27/6/20, Monday, 12 noon.

#### Attention to all Parishes:

1. Please start to carry out the necessary preparations based on the "*Protocol For Religious Services in the Archdiocese of Kota Kinabalu*".
2. No need to inform the local authorities when you reopen the church on 11-12 July 2020. Just go ahead to celebrate the Mass. The Archdiocese would have informed the State Ministry concerned before that.
3. Officials from the State Ministry of Law and Native Affairs together with the local authorities (District Council/DBKK/Health Department) will once in a while go down to inspect those churches listed for reopening regarding their compliance to the SOP.

I hope we can prepare our people well for this "new normal".

Thank you for your cooperation.

Archbishop John Wong