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To all the faithful of the diocese of Prince Albert,

Over the last few weeks, I have received letters, emails, and inquiries regarding the Saskatchewan Health Authority guideline of having a maximum of 30 persons attending Mass at one time. As time goes by, many of us are getting anxious for those numbers to increase because for some of our church buildings, this is a very small number in relation to the space available and the size of our congregations. I do happen to agree with your observations. However, these restrictions have been scrutinized and set for the safety of all involved.

In Regina, we have a team of leaders of all different faiths who are in direct contact with the government concerning this matter and others. I understand the difference between once being allowed 150 people and now only 30 is no doubt a big jump for us all but if the Health Authority truly believes that this is the best for the health of our people, one should respect this decision because we do not want to attend our celebrations and have our vulnerable persons and others become ill, or perhaps die.

Yet, be assured our faith leaders will continue to dialogue and lobby to have an increase in numbers and to have some restrictions modified. Furthermore, when the Saskatchewan Health Authority believes it is safe for us to increase our numbers, we will readily comply.

Thank you to all who have shared their concerns. Your time and good intentions in this matter is very much appreciated.

May the peace, joy, and love of the Lord be with you always.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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