TO ALL PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS WORKING IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LAGOS, AND THE LAY FAITHFUL

Dear Msgri. Rev. Frs. Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

RESUMPTION OF WEEKDAY MASSES AND OTHER CHURCH ACTIVITIES IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

The announcement made by the Lagos State Government last night, 19th September 2020, has ushered in another phase of the gradual easing of restrictions due to COVID-19. With this phase, churches can now resume public religious activities during the week.

While we welcome this development and look forward to a full resumption of public activities, we are still unclear about some specifics. For instance, it is not yet clear whether there is a change in the number of persons that can participate at gatherings for religious activities or whether children below 12 years of age can now participate in the religious activities since they have resumed school. As soon as we get needed clarifications, we shall revert.

While we await clarifications from the State Government on the above and similar issues, we hereby direct that public weekday Masses and other religious activities should resume in all parishes within our Archdiocese. We, however, ask that the health and safety regulations which were put in place to stem the spread of the virus infection should be maintained. We must also continue to encourage our people to keep to the regulations in their daily activities. Meanwhile, let us continue our prayers for an end to the spread of the deadly virus.

(Signed)

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Archbishop, Metropolitan See of Lagos
20th September, 2020