

Dear Parishioners:

Following this afternoon's press conference, the Province of New Brunswick will be in **Phase 3** of the recovery plan starting tomorrow, **Friday, January 14, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.** (for 16 days the next two Sundays). We will keep you posted if it will be longer.

To contribute to the guidelines issued by New Brunswick Public Health officials, here are the latest decisions made for our diocese: **Religious services are allowed only outdoors, virtual or in cars.**

Therefore, cancellation of **all** celebrations and public activities in the churches of the Diocese of Edmundston: Sunday and weekday masses, funerals, baptisms, weddings, etc.

Of course, it is also important to postpone to a later date all parish and diocesan activities are cancelled. Meetings can take place by Zoom only.

All this in order to protect people and avoid the spread of COVID-19 as much as possible.

Rest assured that your bishop and priests remain united in prayer. In the private celebration of the Eucharist, you will surely all be included in their daily prayer.

Assurance of my prayer at this very special time for our Church and our world.

+ Claude Champagne, O.M.I.  
Bishop of Edmundston