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To all Reverend Clergy, Monastics and Faithful of
the Archdiocese of Canada (OCA)

CHRIST IS RISEN

I take this opportunity to greet all of you on the leave-taking of Christ's glorious resurrection. The Feasts of our Saviour, His Ascension and the Feast of the Most Blessed Trinity and Pentecost this year come as we are nearing the end of the special regulations result of the COVID pandemic. The relaxing of certain measures is not the same, subject to each provincial jurisdiction.

I request each Deanery to work together, clergy and Dean, in understanding the sanitary rules laid out in each case and to adapt to these regulations, trying to serve our flock to the upmost of our possibilities, while staying within the limits of the law.

As for the extraordinary permission to use multiple spoons, we must seriously prepare our faithful for the cessation of this measure. In Québec, where there are no red or orange zones, I will inform our Quebec clergy to stop using multiple spoons. I encourage our Deans to evaluate the situation and implement this. The spoons used should, in no way, return to other use. They should be removed and set aside and eventually be disposed of reverently.

I wish to note that in the parishes where one spoon was used throughout the pandemic, here in Canada and in our churches in the USA, there was no transmission of the virus in this manner, glory to God.

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I continue to hold you all in my heart and look forward to being able to pray with you in person soon.

I thank you for your prayers and wish you all the blessings on the Feast of our Saviour's glorious Ascension.

In Christ,

+ *Ab. Irénée*



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