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Advisory on Coronavirus Epidemic

In support of precautionary measures taken by the Ministry of Health of Malaysia regarding the coronavirus epidemic, the Archdiocese is supplementing the following with immediate effect:

1. There will be no holy water in church fountains at church/chapel entrances for the time being.
2. At Masses and services, the "exchange of peace" is done by bowing to each other instead of shaking hands.
3. Holy Communion is to be received only on the hand during this period of health concern.
4. Mass celebrants and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to ensure their hands are thoroughly cleansed.
5. Please cover your mouth with handkerchief or tissue-paper when coughing or sneezing during Mass or service.
6. Used tissue-papers are to be disposed properly in trash bins instead of leaving them in the pews.

Let us continue to pray for divine intervention as China and the World Health Organization (WHO) deal with the coronavirus epidemic.

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