

# How is the Archdiocese of Hartford handling the Coronavirus?

As concern grows about the spread of the Coronavirus, Archbishop Blair has requested the following precautionary measures for parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford:



## SIGN OF PEACE

The sign of peace should be exchanged without physical contact like hand-shaking; or else the call to exchange a sign of peace should simply be omitted.



## BLOOD OF CHRIST

The distribution of Holy Communion via the chalice should be suspended; concelebrants and assisting deacons should receive only by intinction.



## BODY OF CHRIST

Communion on the tongue should be strongly discouraged.



## COLLECTION BASKET

There should be minimal handling of collection baskets, by ushers only.



## HOLY WATER FONTS

Holy Water fonts should be emptied.



## GOOD HYGIENE

All clergy and Eucharistic ministers are urged to practice good hygiene, washing their hands before Mass, or even using hand sanitizer before and after distributing Holy Communion.



## MASS ATTENDANCE

The faithful are reminded that if they are sick or experiencing symptoms of sickness, they are not obliged to attend Mass, and that out of charity, they ought not to attend.

## PETITIONS FOR THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

→ For those who are suffering in the current outbreak of infectious disease, that they might be healed, and for the happy repose of all who have died from this illness in recent weeks...

→ For scientists, health professionals, public officials, and all who are serving the common good in this challenging and uncertain time, that they will be filled with insight, wisdom and success in their efforts...

→ That in times of illness our heavenly Father will strengthen our faith and trust in his goodness, mercy and providential love...

→ That our compassionate Father in heaven will grant healing and peace to all those affected by the current outbreak with infectious disease...

...Let us pray to the Lord.