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**TO: Pastors, Parish Life Coordinators, Administrators, Catechetical and Youth Ministry Leaders**

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**SUBJECT: Updated Covid-19 Health & Safety Guidelines for Parish Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Programs**

**DATE: December 13, 2021**

Our commitment to provide parishes with the best possible guidance amid the ever-developing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic prompted us to review the guidance we sent in September. We did so both internally and with the advice of outside counsel.

We are pleased that this review reaffirmed all of the major components of the September version of this document. However, some additions and clarifications were also made. You will find these reflected in **red** in the attached, revised document.

Of particular importance is the section found on the top of page 4 regarding what to do when the parent of a child/young person in faith formation/youth ministry, or a catechist/other volunteer, reports a positive COVID test after recently attending a program event.

We once again deeply thank you for all that you have been doing over these past two years to provide meaningful opportunities for families, children, young people, and adults to grow in faith. May God fill you with all peace and every good!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns. We are all on this journey together!

O, Mary, health of the sick, pray for us!