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Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

### **Measures against infectious disease in the Diocese Sendai**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

✝ The Peace of our Lord be with you.

We are back to Ordinary Time of the Liturgical Year. May we continue practicing our love for each other through our daily lives.

Since May 8, 2023, when COVID-19 was declared by the Japan government as “Category 5 infectious disease”, national directives have been relaxed and church activities have returned to normal.

Having received the opinion of the Catholic Sendai Medical Association regarding this infectious disease and having consulted the directives of other dioceses, as of June 9 (Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time), guidelines and measures issued by the diocese to address COVID-19 are hereby abolished. The use of holy water is also permitted.

I ask the following persons that they decide regarding their use of mask:

1. 75 years of age or older
2. immunosuppressed
3. those who have not received COVID-19 vaccine

Please discuss this matter in your parish and make every effort to take necessary measures to prevent infectious diseases in your community. Please be considerate and understanding of each person's situation and avoid criticism or discrimination due to differences of opinion.

Yours in Christ,

Edgar Gacutan  
Bishop of Sendai