

March 16, 2023

Dear Monsignor or Father or Deacon:

At its recent meeting last week, the Presbyteral Council reviewed the COVID-19 protocols still in place in the Diocese of Erie and made recommendations to the Bishop regarding which should be retained. As recommended by the council and approved by the Bishop, effective immediately the only COVID-19 protocols remaining in place are the following:

- All who distribute Holy Communion are to sanitize their hands prior to doing so.
- If there is a procession with the gifts, the gifts are to be covered.
- The distribution of the Precious Blood to the faithful remains prohibited.
- Concelebrating priests are to continue to receive Communion by intinction.

All other COVID-19 protocols are abrogated.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, or Father Chris Singer, or Father Matt Kujawinski.

Sincerely,
Msgr. Edward M. Lohse
Vicar General