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**UPDATED DIRECTIVES REGARDING THE
RESUMPTION OF SACRAMENTS IN COVID-19**

**Dear Pastors, Parish Life Directors, and Faithful of the Diocese of
Saskatoon:**

I am pleased to see Phase Three now in effect and underway which we have endeavoured to navigate in compliance with the Guidelines for Accommodating Worship in the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan of the Government of Saskatchewan. In light of the recent resumption of Sacraments in the Diocese of Saskatoon, there is an appreciated need to provide more detailed guidelines with respect to the reception Holy Communion, specifically, the reception of Communion on the tongue.

Further to the Directives from the Diocese of Saskatoon of May 15, 2020, and May 29, 2020, which remain in effect and can be found [HERE](#), please note the following update:

PHASE THREE – Commenced June 8, 2020

Reception of Holy Communion Update

We recognize the difficulties with respect to reception of the Eucharist on the tongue. Should pastors feel uncomfortable distributing in this form they are not required to do so. If reception on the tongue is offered, it must be distributed under the following conditions:

1. As previously outlined, the distribution of Communion to the congregation is to take place after the Communion Prayer and Final Blessing at the end of Mass.
2. Those who choose to receive on the tongue must be the last to receive.
3. Those receiving on the tongue, after responding 'Amen', are asked to open their mouth widely and extend their tongue far enough so that the Sacred Host can be placed on the tongue. This is to prevent the host from falling and in order for the priest to avoid any contact with the communicant.
4. The priest must disinfect between communicants with the exception of those receiving from the same household.

Please note, the general right of the faithful to receive Communion on the tongue will be reinstated once necessary safeguarding measures with respect to this pandemic have lessened.

I once again thank you for your patience and understanding and for the love I have seen at work throughout these trying times of pandemic.

Sincerely, in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ Mark A. Hagemoen". The signature is written in a cursive style.

✠ Most Reverend Mark A. Hagemoen
Bishop of Saskatoon