

ADVISORY NOTICE ON NOVEL CORONAVIRUS INFECTIONS
Issued by the Bishop's Office of the Catholic Diocese of Saitama

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Dear brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Saitama

I understand that you may, perhaps, be worried about the recent outbreak of the novel coronavirus infections and its further developments. Considering the current situation, you will kindly be advised to take notice the following information below in order to avoid unnecessary anxieties as well as behaving calmly for the time being.

1: Following general hygienic measures as being taken at the time of the outbreak of influenza, you will be reminded of taking the cough etiquette, and so on.

2: When you feel not well, you may refrain from attending the mass. From 9 February onwards until further notice, those who are not feeling well will be exempted from the duty to attend the Sunday Mass.

3: For the time being, you may refrain from using holy water in the fonts at the church entrances.

4: For priests, deacons and Eucharistic ministers, they should wash their hands thoroughly, or using alcohol hand sanitizers, before the mass.

5: Until further notice, you may be asked to kindly refrain from receiving Holy Communion by mouth.

You may find or download the full advisory notice by the Bishop in the Diocesan website. Your kind cooperation will be appreciated.