

**The 14th LETTER OF THE BISHOP ON THE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES
PREVENTING CORONA VIRUS INFECTIONS**

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- 1. The same Precautionary Measures as on my 13th Letter will be applied continually for the time being. Read again my 13th Letter carefully, please. (In case the further restrictions might be needed, I will let you know at that point.)**
- 2. You will be allowed to celebrate the New Year Day's masses (as the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God) up to twice.**

The following instructions will remain the same.

- **You will be allowed to celebrate one Sunday mass and one Saturday Evening mass (as the first Sunday mass) with your congregation.**
- **You will be allowed to celebrate the weekday mass once per day with your congregation.**
- **You will be allowed to have a solo singer to sing hymns, but not with the congregation together, during the mass.**
- **You will also be allowed to have *only* a solo singer and/or organ performance at the weddings or funerals as well.**
- **The masses in foreign languages will not be allowed to celebrate with the congregation, regardless of the number of the congregation until the further announcement will be made.**
- **The masses should be celebrated principally in Japanese. You may be recommended to have the readings or intercessions in foreign languages if appropriate to your congregation. We will not use the ambiguous term 'international mass' anymore, for avoiding further confusions or misunderstandings.**
- **The church activities, such as meditation sessions for Advent, bible study classes, social welfare activities et al., will be restricted to take continually.**

Thank you very much for your kind and continual co-operation as before.