

**The 25<sup>th</sup> LETTER OF THE BISHOP ON THE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES  
FOR PREVENTING THE COVID 19 INFECTIONS**

The Right Reverend Mario Yamanouchi, Bishop of Saitama  
May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Responding to the governmental decisions made on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, that the Covid 19 has been classified as one of “the 5<sup>th</sup> group Infectious Disease” such as a seasonal flu, our former precautionary measures concerning the Covid 19 will be lifted in the Diocese of Saitama.

Notes

- You are advised to resume Masses and other parochial activities in their full with the great care by looking at the particular situations of each Parish.
- We will soon resume all the Diocesan activities. Therefore, you are advised to start to resume every ecclesiastical activity sponsored by the group of the parishes in your own prefecture or your brock.
- The special exemptions for attending at Sunday masses will no longer be valid. However, if you may feel not well or may feel not fit for attending masses because of suffering from the particular diseases, you will continually be exempted for attending at masses.