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Announcement

TO: Monsignor/Clergy/Parish and Pastoral Staff

FROM: Deacon Nick Whalen
Vice-Chancellor

RE: **RE-OPENING ONTARIO STEP 2**

DATE: 25 June 2021

The provincial government announced the province will move to **STEP TWO**, of the gradual re-opening of Ontario, on **June 30, 2021**, (Over 75% of persons over the age of 18 have been vaccinated at least once, over 27% of our province is fully vaccinated, the number of new cases, and hospitalizations have dropped.) Under **STEP TWO**, Churches are permitted to have **25% capacity for religious rites, weddings, and funerals**. Outdoor services with capacity limited to permit physical distancing of 2 meters. A maximum of 5 people will be permitted for in person gatherings such as committee meetings etc. A maximum of 25 people may gather outdoors, **STEP TWO** will last for a minimum of 21 days. Further information/updates will be sent out next week after the ACBO meets to review the WorshipSafe document.

Link: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario#roadmap-step-2>

Parishioners should:

1. Wear face masks (unless exempted)
2. Use hand sanitizer at the entrance of the church.
3. Social distancing of 2 meters
4. Cleaning protocols if there is less than 1 hour between Masses.
5. **The Health Unit recommends Contact Tracing, but it is not obligatory.**