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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are all pleased to hear the good news from the provincial Government that the implementation of its "Roadmap to Reopen" framework is beginning earlier than initially communicated. Step 1 of the framework will begin on Friday, 11 June at 12:01 a.m. This change now includes allowing indoor religious rites to resume at 15% capacity and outdoor with no limit as long as physical distancing can be assured. Communication regarding how the changes affect parish halls and offices will be forthcoming.

In consultation with the Episcopal Conference, I have decided that our churches may reopen as soon as they are able to after the Province moves into Step 1 on Friday, 11 June. Those parishes and communities that will not be ready to reopen this weekend may delay opening as required, but no later than the following weekend, 19/20 June. Any parish that cannot meet that date should contact my office.

All churches that open will be subject to the laws of the Province and the safety directives that I have issued since June 2020. We must be vigilant in following these laws and directives. A summary of the safety protocols in effect at this time can be found at the following [link](#).

We are grateful that the government has recognized the importance of our churches and how hard we have worked to ensure that attending Mass remains safe.

We thank God for this blessing and will continue to pray for the souls of the deceased and the comfort of their families, for a full recovery of those who are sick and for those who care for them.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB
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