



DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

Guidance for Non-liturgical Meetings

Non-liturgical gatherings of up to 50 people are allowed as long as social distancing and cleaning/disinfecting guidelines are adhered to and masks are worn. Please note the following:

- Meetings such as parish committees, Knights of Columbus, bingo, blood drives, book clubs, just to name a few, are permitted on parish campuses. You must communicate the COVID-19 safety protocols and guidelines to these groups, but recognize that the responsibility to ensure compliance resides with the parish staff.
- A pre-registration and/or attendance record-keeping process must be in place to support contact tracing efforts, which are vital to reducing the spread of COVID-19.
- To the extent possible, consideration should be given to holding meetings outdoors with proper social distancing measures in place.
- Hand sanitizer should be readily available for meetings.
- Regarding food and beverages at meetings, all food and beverages must be in single-serve containers. Individual boxed lunches are permitted. Open buffets, potlucks and/or boxes of bagels, cookies or donuts are not permitted. Single, unopened bottles of water are permitted, but a pitcher of water is not. All utensils and plates must be disposable and intended for one-time use.