



**Diocese of San Bernardino**  
*Department of the Ministry of Educational Services*  
*Departamento para el Ministerio de Servicios Educativos*



MEMORANDUM

To: Pastors, Directors and Coordinators of Catechetical Ministry

From: María G. Covarrubias, Director of the Department of Ministry of Educational Services

Date: January 5, 2022

RE: OCM update: Covid-19 Guidelines/INTERIM MEASURES

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Praying you had a blessed Christmas and wishing you a joyful new year!

We wish to inform you that the Office of Catechetical Ministry has received several phone calls from some of the Directors and Coordinators of Parish Catechetical Ministry asking if there are new guidelines for Catechetical Ministry since the Covid-19 cases have increased.

After much deliberation and evaluation, due to the rapid increase of Omicron virus among our Diocesan community members, the Office of Catechetical Ministry, in consultation with Ann Marie Gallant, EOC Director and with the approval of Bishop Rojas, is **requesting that all parish catechetical sessions move to online/distance learning effective January 5, 2022,** through March 31, 2022. Parish pastors and catechetical leaders will be notified when this emergency protocol ends.

Most of our parishes have had a plan in place for online/ distance learning catechetical sessions since last year. We are requesting that parishes implement that plan or refresh it as needed in order to comply with this online/distance learning directive.

For further information or assistance please call or email your Vicariate Coordinator:

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May God's blessings be with you throughout the New Year!