



Guidance for Non-Liturgical Meetings

Effective with the launch of Phase 4 of Restore Illinois on June 26, 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 book clubs, Knights of Columbus, blood drives and bingo, just to name a few, are permitted on parish campuses. You must communicate the 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.
- Since district-specific school/religions education guidelines for the next academic year have not yet been released, all activities for minors (under the age of 18) remain cancelled until those guidelines are provided and take effect.
- To the extent possible, consideration should be given to holding meetings outside with proper social distancing measures in place.
- Hand sanitizer should be readily available for meetings.
- In the event there are requests for food and beverages at meetings, all food and beverages must be in single-serve containers. For example, individual boxed lunches are permitted, but an open buffet, potluck and/or boxes of bagels or donuts are not. 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.