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Dear Diocesan Family,

We have received a number of inquiries as to the discrepancy between the Diocesan issued "Appendix B: Proof of Vaccination Requirement" and what is provided on the Government COVID-19 website under the guidance to Businesses and Organizations. More specifically, there is a question as to what is the acceptable forms of proof of vaccination.

After consultation with the Government regarding this discrepancy, the Public Health Authorities have confirmed that what is contained within our document *The New Has Come*, "Appendix B: Proof of Vaccination Requirement" is, indeed, correct.

Acceptable forms of proof of vaccination are as follows:

1. An electronic QR Code as provided by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador downloaded and/or saved to a mobile device; or
2. A physical copy of the QR Code as provided by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador; or
3. A physical copy of a COVID-19 vaccination record issued by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador; or
4. A physical or electronic copy of an official vaccination record issued outside of Newfoundland and Labrador.

When devising our Diocesan directives, we rely solely on the text of the Special Measures Orders as issued by the Government, not the text of the website. Special Measures Orders are the law, as opposed to the website which is designed for information purposes only. The Government has affirmed that this is the best practice for us when communicating the requirements under the law and interpreting the same for application in our circumstances.

With all that said, within our consultation with the Government with respect to acceptable forms of proof of vaccination, they have asked us to encourage all Residents of Newfoundland and Labrador to obtain, and use, the QR Code, either in electronic or paper form, as their proof of vaccination. It is the safest, secure, and most private form of proving their vaccination status. The Government has asked us to encourage those who present their actual vaccination record (as received when they were vaccinated) to acquire and use their QR Code instead. They have also asked if we would help facilitate the same for those individuals. Parish Offices or Volunteers may, with the person's permission, access their QR Code online and provide them with a printed copy for their use. The individual will have to provide their name, MCP Number, MCP Expiry date, and Date of Birth. Once the QR Code has been printed and provided to the individual, any record of the Vaccination Record, QR Code, and/or personal information (as outlined above) still in possession of the Parish Office or Volunteer must be destroyed and not retained.

Alternatively, Residents of Newfoundland and Labrador who may not have access to the technology, or the proficiency, to obtain a QR Code as issued by the province, may acquire the same by one of the following means:

Ask a friend or family member to help you print your QR Code and Vaccination Record; or

Request a copy from the Government by calling 1-833-951-3859; or

Visit a local public library and the library staff will assist you in printing a paper copy of your record.

Please note that your name, MCP Number, MCP Expiry date, and Date of Birth will need to be provided in order to obtain a paper copy of your record.

We pray that this will alleviate some of the confusion surrounding acceptable proof of vaccination. Should there be any further information or clarity required, don't hesitate to contact Church House or the Reverend Christopher Fowler at reverendchristopher@icloud.com.

Blessings on your day,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlene Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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