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Ad Clerum

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

Please receive these additional regulations regarding funerals in the Diocese.

Speakers at funerals will be limited to a maximum of three (3) with a maximum of ten (10) minutes talking time allocation as follows-

- a. Family representative incorporating the Obituary - 10 min maximum
 - b. In-law representative, for married people - 5 minutes maximum
 - c. Tribute by children given by only one representative - 5 minutes maximum
 - d. Speakers must be fully masked when delivering speeches and preferably wearing visors.
 - e. The same applies for Preachers! Limit consolation message to a 20 minute Homily maximum
2. Singing is completely prohibited. Rather, recorded music can be played with a limitation on vesicles
 3. No celebration of Eucharist at Funeral Services. Rather opt for arranging a private Requiem Mass for the family prior to the funeral.
 4. The Maximum duration for the Funeral Service at an enclosed venue should never exceed ninety (90) minutes i.e. One hour thirty minutes. The rest of the thirty minutes permissible being reserved for the internment.
 5. Vote of Thanks by family at the Grave Site - 5 minutes maximum

These measures are deemed necessary additional to applicable guidelines to stave off the escalation of deaths during this surge period and preserve life - true to our commitment and resolve!

Department of Spirituality

We thank God for the ministry of Revd Canon Randall Gallant. It is not news to you that he has taken up a position of Rector in the Diocese of False Bay. The Department of Spirituality and Diocesan Intercessors comprise of the following people:-

Archdeacon James Rusch	084-666-2653
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May God bless all of us as we are partners in God's mission.

Grace and peace

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bishop of Grahamstown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

BISHOP OF GRAHAMSTOWN

**Christ has no body on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours.
Ours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion for the world is to look out;
ours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; and ours are the hands
with which He is to bless us now. (St Teresa de Avila)**