



Office of the Bishop

MEMORANDUM

TO: Priests in the Diocese of San Diego
FROM: Bishop Robert W. McElroy *rw*
DATE: February 26, 2020
RE: Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass this year is scheduled for 4:00 p.m., Thursday, April 2nd at Good Shepherd Church in Mira Mesa. I invite every priest in the diocese to concelebrate this liturgy with me as a sign of our unity in the priesthood. Please bring your own alb and white stole.

To engage the priestly people of God with their priests in celebrating the Chrism Mass, every parish and other faith community in the diocese wishing to receive oils for celebration of the Easter sacraments and thereafter should have **lay representatives at the Chrism Mass**. These representatives, either a family or several individuals, **should not be from among those preparing for baptism or confirmation at Easter. They should be practicing Catholics who will receive the oils and take them back to their communities.**

Please note:

Oils will be prepared for distribution at the Chrism Mass only for those parishes and other faith communities which will have lay representatives there to receive them.

When this becomes impossible, for some extraordinary reason, special arrangements to receive newly blessed oils at the Pastoral Center must be made with the Office for Liturgy.

Parishes that wish to receive larger quantities of holy oils than those usually prepared must inform the Office for Liturgy before Wednesday, March 25th.

Please return the enclosed form before March 25th so that preparation can be made for the Chrism Mass.