



Office of the Bishop

MEMORANDUM

TO: Priests in the Diocese of San Diego
FROM: Bishop Robert W. McElroy *RM*
DATE: February 24, 2021
RE: Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass this year is scheduled for 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 24th 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.

In order that we follow the covid gatherings guidelines only one lay representative per parish will be invited to receive oils for celebration of the Easter sacraments and thereafter **at the Chrism Mass**. This representative 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 which will have a lay representative 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 17th.

Please return the enclosed form before March 17th so that preparation can be made for the Chrism Mass.

Chrism Mass Response Form

For all Priests:

- I WILL concelebrate the Chrism Mass on March 24, 2021.
- I WILL NOT be able concelebrate the Chrism Mass.

Name: _____

For Pastors & Chaplains:

My parish representative will be:

Name: _____
(please type/print)

Parish: _____

City: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO BEFORE MARCH 17, 2021 TO:

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