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TO: AOB Priests, Deacons, Parish Administrators, Pastoral Life Directors and Pastoral Associates

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RE: **Chrism Mass 2020**
September 14, 2020—7:30 pm
Cathedral of Mary our Queen

Who is Invited?

Because of COVID restrictions, we must limit attendance in compliance with physical distancing criteria. We regret that only the following are invited to attend:

- All priests and deacons
- You may also invite an additional lay representative from your parish/pastorate. This can either be a single individual or a familial group of up to four.

How to RSVP

Go to our online registration site at: <https://archbalt.regfox.com/2020-chrism-mass>

Only one individual should RSVP for each pastorate/parish—preferably the pastor or parish administrator.

We would like to know the number of individuals attending, but do not need names. We also need to know the amount of Holy Oil you need. *If you are a chaplain and will not use Oil of the Sick from the parish stock, please contact the Office of Divine Worship.*

If you are from a pastorate and need multiple sets of Holy Oil, please contact Kathi Schissler (contact info at bottom of this page).

Please RSVP even if you will not attend.

If you do not attend, we will contact you after the Chrism Mass to arrange for delivery of the Holy Oil to your parish/pastorate.

Ordering and Distribution of the Holy Oil

Due to COVID, the procedures for obtaining 2020 Holy Oil is different from previous years. Please read the following:

Holy Oil will be prepared for you and distributed after the Chrism Mass in boxed sets. You do not need to bring your own containers, but you do need to let us know how much oil you need. The online registration form gives you three options:

- 4 oz of each Holy Oil (*1/2 cup each*)
- 8 oz of the Oil of the Sick (*two, 4 oz. bottles*), 4 oz each of Oil of the Catechumens and Sacred Chrism
- 8 oz of each Holy Oil (*1 cup each—2 sets of 4 oz each*)

Your Holy Oils will be available as you leave the Chrism Mass. You will not go to the Undercroft as in previous years. You may pick up the oils as you leave the Cathedral.

Specific instructions for picking up Holy Oil will be provided to you at the Chrism Mass.

If you have difficulty with online registration, please contact Kathi Schissler at worship@archbalt.org or 410-547-5403