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## **BISHOPS MESSAGE - RETURN TO ALERT LEVEL 1**

Dear Priests Deacons, Religious, Brothers and Sisters

Warm Greetings. With the announcement of the President Cyril Ramaphosa that the country returns to Alert level 1 is welcoming news for the church as it enables us to accommodate more of our communities inside the church. We are able to have 100 people inside our churches and halls. Also to have two hundred and fifty outside on our church premises.

We must though continue to keep all the protocols of sanitizing, wearing masks, social distancing, taking temperatures and keeping a register. As in my earlier message to the Priests, Deacons, Religious and brothers and sisters of the Diocese of Kroonstad I encourage all to be as active in the pastoral activities of the church in accord with the necessary restrictions that are in place.

In this season of Lent it would be good for all to encourage God's People to return to church. The Church-is the family of God. The Church is our home where we together receive the sacraments of the Church and support each other as a community of faith on our Christian journey begun at baptism.

I call on all the Catholics of the Diocese of Kroonstad to return to Church. I hope that as we have entered the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent we have taken up the spiritual exercises of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. I also encourage you to make your weekly Lent Offering to the Church. A sign of sacrifice and penance to think about the needs of the poor and needy.

I wish you a continued Lent journey with the Lord.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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Bishop Peter Holiday

