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Revised Speaker Guidelines and Liturgical Protocols – Mission Co-operative Program

Please be advised that the Speaker Guidelines for the Mission Cooperative Program in the Archdiocese of Toronto have been revised. This updated guideline is issued under the instructions and approval of the Chancellor of the Office of Spiritual Affairs.

The revised Speaker Guidelines is attached for your reference and implementation.

We kindly ask all mission appeal speakers, as well as host parishes and pastors, to review the document carefully and adhere to the appropriate protocols as outlined.

Key Updates – NEW Notes on Liturgical Roles and Presiding

Particularly, we draw your attention to the **new clarifications regarding who may preside at Mass**, especially in situations involving bishops or clergy of different rites:

1. When the Speaker is a Bishop

- **A Latin Rite Catholic Bishop** may:
 - Preside at Mass
 - Sit in choir and preach
 - Concelebrate only if another Latin Bishop is presiding
- An **Eastern Rite Catholic Bishop**:
 - May preside **only if he has bi-ritual faculties** granted by the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches
 - Otherwise, he may sit in choir and preach
 - May concelebrate only if a Latin Bishop is presiding

2. When the Speaker is a Priest (Diocesan or Religious)

- An **Eastern Rite Catholic priest**:
 - May preside **only if he has bi-ritual faculties** granted by the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches
 - Otherwise, he may concelebrate or sit in choir and preach

These protocols are in place to ensure:

- Proper ecclesial order
- Respect for liturgical norms
- Clarity in roles and responsibilities during mission appeals

Your cooperation in following these revised guidelines is greatly appreciated and contributes to the integrity and success of the Mission Co-operative Program.

Should you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the Mission Cooperative Program Office at mcp@archtoronto.org.

Sincerely,
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