



***Annunciation
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Catholic Church***

**Pandemic Reopening
Plan**

Mass Reopening Archdiocese Guidelines

- On May 12, Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siler provided “*Guidelines for Reopening Mass to the Public.*” Sunday Mass will reopen to the public beginning the weekend of May 23-24, 2020.
- The Archbishop strongly encourages the **elderly and at-risk populations** to stay home and participate in Mass by means of Catholic Television or parish live streaming. *At-risk population* are those who are 65 old or older, especially those with chronic lung disease; moderate to severe asthma; chronic heart disease; severe obesity; diabetes; chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis; liver disease; or weakened immune system.
- ABVMCC has developed a plan to meet the Archdiocese guidelines in anticipation of this announcement.
- Training will be conducted prior to commencement of the Reopening of Mass to the Public.

Mass Reopening Archdiocese Guidelines

- **Designated seating has been clearly marked.**
- **Parish has established sanitization protocols for the church after use (Masses, Baptisms, Funerals, etc...)**
- **Cleaning Material will be provided by ABVMCC**
- **Sanitizing will be part of the Ministry's responsibility.**
- **Missals will NOT be available for use at Mass.**
- **Communion protocol has been established.**
- **Altar Servers will not be used until a later date to be announced by our Pastor.**
- **The elderly or handicapped strongly encouraged to stay home**
- **Dispensation remains in effect**

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Pandemic Reopening Protocol Procedures

- 124 worshippers per Mass (Best Case)
- Celebrant/Deacon/Choir excluded from the 124 worshippers
- Five (5) ministers per Mass; 20 per weekend (Includes one Lector).
- Minimum 6 ft. between worshippers (People from the same household can sit together without maintaining 6' interval)
- Designated seating only (Max capacity is 8 personnel per pew)
- Ushers will wear masks and disposable gloves throughout the celebration of the Mass
- Seating by ushers in marked off/designated pews
- Exercise tact and understanding when requesting people to attend another mass due to seating capacity

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Pandemic Reopening Protocol Procedures (contd)

- Sign of Peace will consist of a simple head bow, or another gesture of greeting while maintaining six (6) feet separation
- Priest, Deacon and Ministers of the Holy Eucharist will wear a mask and sanitize their hands immediately prior to administering Holy Communion and again after distribution to all
- Ushers will guide the faithful to receive Communion.
 - ☒ Single Communion line in the center aisle will be formed
 - ☒ Six (6) feet intervals will be maintained between communicants during communion
 - ☒ Masks will be worn in Communion line; until just prior to receiving the precious Body. After Communion, masks will be raised immediately
 - ☒ Communion will be received *in the hand only!*

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Pandemic Reopening Protocol Procedures (contd)

- Ushers will assist in controlling the dismissal of parishioners in a manner that allows for social distancing.
- Priest/Deacon will not greet/make physical contact as they exit Mass
- Hand sanitizer will be available at church entrances
- Gloves and masks will be worn during sanitization
- When capacity is reached, parishioners may be directed to an overflow space (Sacristy/Library)
- Missals, song books have been removed from the church until further notice
- Four page insert depicting the Mass, with music, will be provided with the bulletin.

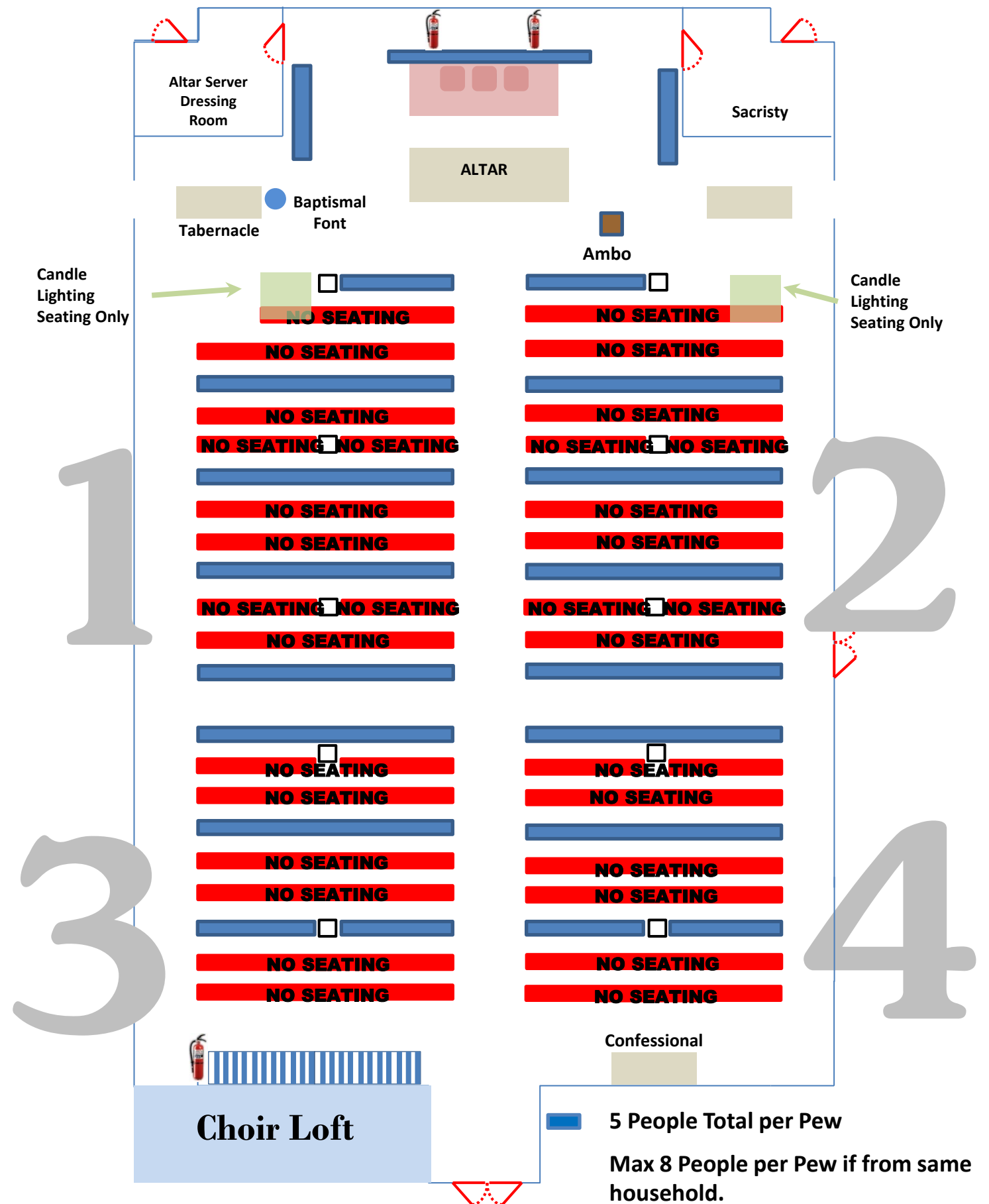
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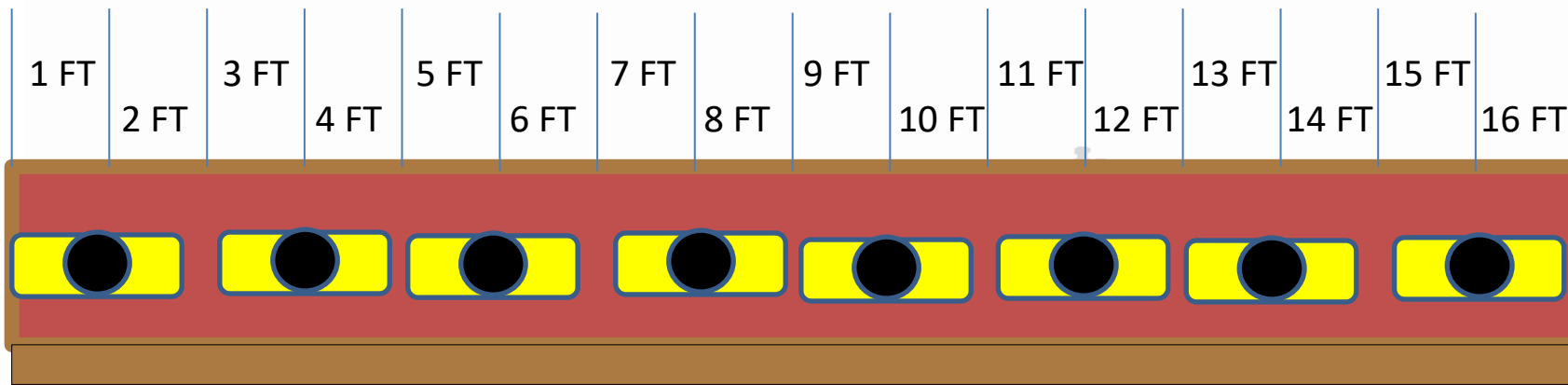
Pandemic Reopening Protocol Procedures (contd)

- Designated seating area, to include bathrooms, will be sanitized immediately at the conclusion of Mass.
- If you have been identified to serve as a minister and cannot attend Mass, notify a Deacon or Gilberto Lozano immediately so a replacement can be identified
- How do we help people understand we don't want to turn anyone away?
- We want to avoid the perception of reservations to attend
- Dispensation still in effect until lifting by Archbishop.

Archdiocese guidelines WILL BE adhered to!

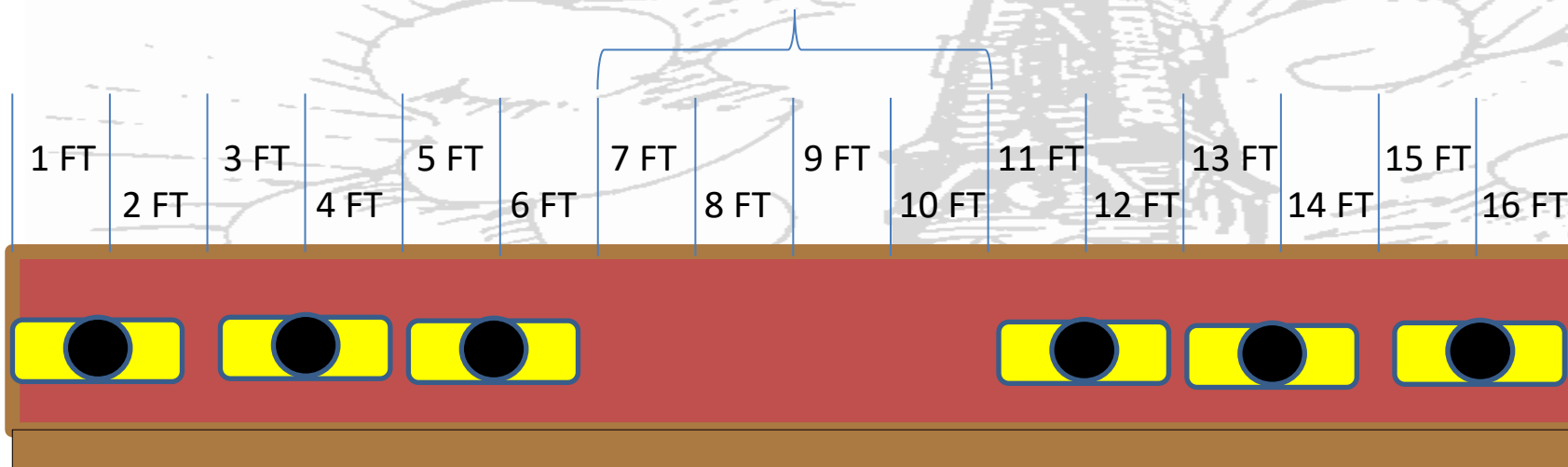
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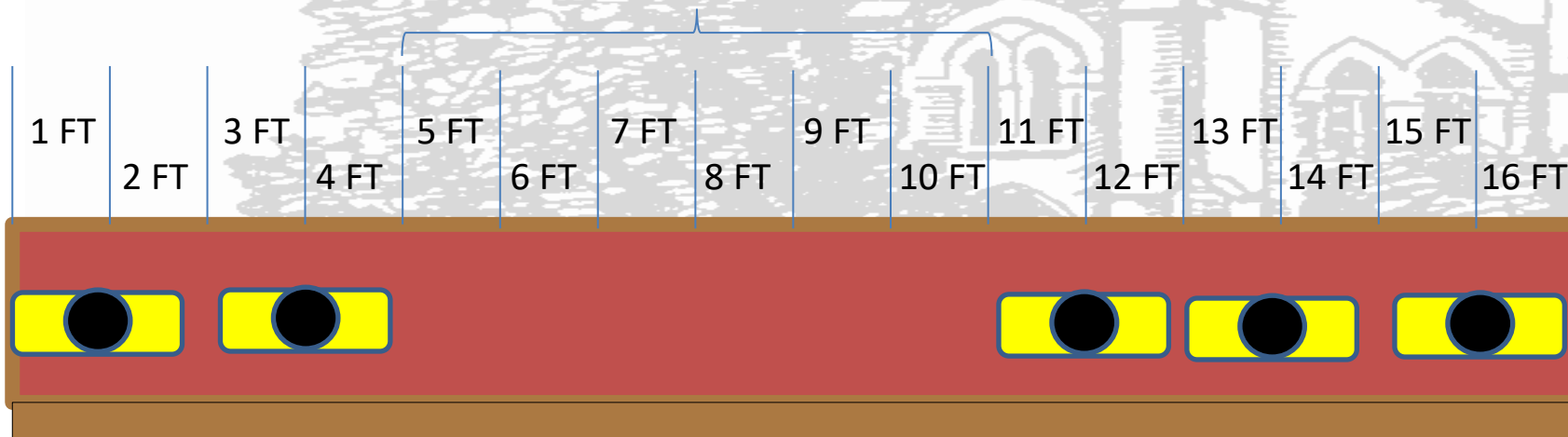
This arrangement **OK** if from the same household or came together.

Only 4 feet



This arrangement **NOT acceptable** due to minimum separation requirements.

6 feet



This arrangement **acceptable**; within minimum separation requirements.

Note: Five (5) people per row, but in two groups: 1 & 4, 4 & 1, 2 & 3, or 3 & 2.

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Sitting Standards