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Brother Priests, Deacons and Subdeacons, Consecrated Men and Women, Brothers and Sisters;

In my letter of 28 May 2021 (Prot. No. 356/1/21; Cir. No. 21.16), I reinstated the obligation for all to attend Divine Liturgy on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligations on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Sunday June 27, 2021, I also stated the following:

*Barring anything unforeseen, we hope to return to the normal exchange of the Greeting of Peace and totally eliminate Holy Communion in the hand, as of August 15, 2021, the Feast of the Assumption.*

Unfortunately, the new Delta variant of the Corona Virus is that “unforeseen” situation. Therefore, at this time we will retain the status quo, and the above-cited paragraph will not be implemented until further notice.

I thank the priests once again for their faithful service as true pastors during these difficult times.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Gregory*

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