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To: Parish Priests and House Superiors of Religious Institutes /
Societies of Apostolic Life / Personal Prelature

6 December 2011

Dear Reverend Father / Brother / Sister,

You are kindly requested to note the following arrangements which have been endorsed by Bishop John Tong for the Masses on the coming Solemnities of the Nativity of the Lord, Mary, Mother of God, the Epiphany of the Lord, and the Chinese Lunar New Year:

1. Saturday, 24 December 2011

For the anticipated Sunday Masses in the evening, the Proper of the Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord is to be used.

If the anticipated Sunday Masses is rescheduled to 8pm or later, the Midnight Mass of the Nativity of the Lord may be celebrated.

2. Sunday, 25 December 2011, Christmas Day

Christmas is a holyday of obligation in our Diocese. The faithful are obliged to participate in **one** of the following Masses of the Nativity of the Lord: Vigil Mass, Midnight Mass, Mass at Dawn, or Mass of the Day. Parish Priests are to make appropriate arrangements so that the faithful may fulfill their obligation.

The Proper of the Nativity of the Lord is to be used.

3. Saturday, 31 December 2011

For the anticipated Sunday Masses in the evening, the Proper of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is to be used.

4. Sunday, 1 January 2012, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

The Proper of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is to be used for all Masses.

5. Saturday, 7 January 2012

For the anticipated Sunday Masses in the evening, the Proper of the Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord is to be used.

6. Sunday, 8 January 2012, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

The Proper of the Epiphany of the Lord is to be used for all Masses.

7. Sunday, 22 January 2012, Lunar New Year's Eve

The Thanksgiving Mass for Lunar New Year's Eve may be used for all Masses. The Chinese liturgical text can be found on pp. 1-3 of the booklet entitled 《農曆新春禮儀》. An English version is available at <http://catholic-dlc.org.hk/lunar0128e.doc>.

8. Monday, 23 January 2012, Lunar New Year's Day

The special Mass for Lunar New Year's Day may be celebrated. The Chinese liturgical text can be found on pp. 6-9 of the booklet 《農曆新春禮儀》. An English version is available at <http://catholic-dlc.org.hk/lunar0129e.doc>.

Emmanuel!

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