



MEMORANDUM

TO: DIOCESE OF STOCKTON

FROM: BISHOP MYRON J. COTTA

DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2020

RE: COUNTIES ENTERING PURPLE TIER

Three of the counties within the diocese have entered the state's COVID-19 purple tier. We recognize and acknowledge the seriousness of this pandemic. We are working with the counties so that they can better understand and honor how our parishes have handled indoor Masses with a high degree of safety and precaution. As a result, we hope that they would earnestly consider adapting the restrictions so that we are able to continue with indoor worship. The gravity of this situation leaves all leaders, both church and state, with a plethora of challenging decisions to make. As of today, the Diocese of Stockton will continue to follow the guidelines given to us by state and county officials. Please keep government and church leaders in your prayers.

In Peace of Christ,

Bishop Myron J. Cotta