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Dear Archbishops and Bishops,

The recent government Order, G.O. (RT) No.774/2020/DMD dated 01.10.2020 indicates the serious situation of Covid-19 prevailing in our State. It is said that 'in the light of the surge in number of covid -19 cases in the state, the public congregations and gatherings pose an impending danger of a super spread of the infection. Hence, an assembly or gathering of more than five people at a time cannot be permitted.' But the existing relaxations for categories like wedding, funerals etc shall be continued. Interpreting the Order from the government, we shall not hasten to give further directives regarding the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The Order does not directly intend to give any control regarding the Eucharistic celebrations already allowed by earlier Orders. We shall continue to celebrate the Holy Eucharist as per the directions each Bishop has already given.

I have already sent an urgent message to the CM requesting him not to impose any further restriction regarding the celebration of the Holy Eucharist in our churches. I have also requested him to give a clear directive to this effect to the police.

The regulations regarding wedding (50 persons) and funeral (20 persons) are to be strictly followed.

Let us continue to pray that God may give us the grace and strength to get over the crisis situation created by Covid-19.

Yours cordially in Christ,

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