



Archbishop of Wellington

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Dear Fathers and Lay Pastoral Leaders

I am aware that in some parishes there is confusion among parishioners about whether to kneel or stand after the Lamb of God until the distribution of communion.

I draw your attention to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal approved for New Zealand page 30 which says:

"In the dioceses of New Zealand, they should kneel from the completion of the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) until after the Amen of the Eucharistic Prayer, except when prevented on occasion by ill health, or for reasons of lack of space, of the large number of people present, or for another reasonable cause. However, those who do not kneel ought to make a profound bow when the Priest genuflects after the Consecration. They are to kneel again after the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) until the distribution of Holy Communion."

Please let parishioners know that they are to kneel after the Lamb of God rather than remaining standing, until they go up for communion.

With all good wishes and blessings

Yours sincerely in the Lord

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