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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The most beautiful thing about entering a Catholic church is to be present to Jesus Christ, who is - present in the Blessed Sacrament. God deserves all that is good and beautiful in us – especially so at Mass when we show our love for God by our reverent gestures, modest clothing, heartfelt prayers, concern for our neighbour, keeping the prayerful atmosphere, and by receiving Jesus worthily in Holy Communion.

Dress code

It is important to recognise that we can bear witness to Christ through our dressing because when others look at us in church, they learn something about us as Catholics. This would mean to dress appropriately and to be covered sufficiently.

Recommended guidelines of appropriate attire:

For women: blouses or dresses with sleeves, pants and skirts of a decent length. Spaghetti strap tops and tank tops should be worn with a cardigan or jacket or shawl.

For men: shirt with sleeves, T-shirt paired with trousers and shoes.

Punctuality

Mass is the highest form of prayer in our Catholic Church. Therefore being punctual for Mass shows our profound respect for God and the community.

Behaviour

As Catholics, our way of life and worship is based on Gospel values and the teachings of the Catholic Church. All are expected to participate wholeheartedly in the Eucharistic celebration and the use of handphones and electronic devices is both disrespectful and disruptive.

Parents have the obligation and the authority, to instruct their children and children also have an obligation to obey and honour their parents. Children should not be playing with toys, colouring and eating during Mass.

As we teach our children to love God and show them Christian behaviour through our examples they will grow up to be good and faithful Catholics.

It is sincerely hoped that we continue to grow into a community of disciples in communion with God and one another.

Thank you and God bless you.

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