

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Catholic Church in New Hampshire's Response to Concerns Regarding Swine Flu

In light of current concerns about the spread of the swine flu, the Catholic Church in New Hampshire is taking the following temporary precautions during Masses and other celebrations:

- Bishop John McCormack reminds parishioners who feel ill to stay at home and refrain from attendance at Church celebrations until they are fully recovered.
- The faithful are encouraged to share the Sign of Peace without touching hands or kissing. This can be done verbally and with a bow of the head.
- The faithful are strongly urged to receive Communion in their hands, and not on their tongue.
- The consecrated wine will not be shared until further notice.
- Priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion must wash their hands before Mass begins and are encouraged to use an alcohol-based anti-bacterial solution before and after distributing Holy Communion.
- Greeters and ushers will use verbal greetings only and not shake hands with parishioners.