February 28, 2021

The Honourable Scott Moe

226 Legislative Building

Regina, SK S4S 0B3

**Re: Legal Limitation of 30 Persons to attend Church**

Dear Premier Moe:

Grace and peace to you in our Savior Jesus Christ!

Thank you for your leadership in guiding the people of Saskatchewan through these difficult times. I recognize that you have been accosted, scoffed at and excoriated for the difficult decisions you have made in your efforts to adhere to economic interests, physical health issues and mental health complexities. I believe you have approached the diverse perspectives from individuals and groups who hold conflicting ideas and “solutions” about the pandemic in a courageous and caring way to meet the needs, often desperate, of the people in our province.

As a practicing Roman Catholic my attendance at Church to celebrate Holy Eucharist and to share in the sacraments is as important to my spiritual, mental and emotional life as food, water and air are to my body. Thousands of other Catholics and Orthodox Christians hold similar views.

Certainly, I appreciate that we need to adhere to the rules surrounding social distancing, but I cannot comprehend how a church that can hold up to 1,000 people must never have more than 30 people together at one time! This isn’t logical to me. Why are many, many more people allowed in grocery stores, casinos, liquor stores, retail stores, and restaurants?

Our Christian communities are being silenced; our singing, sacraments, prayers, support groups and fraternalism are all going down into the tomb with devastating results.

Please reconsider the fixed limitation of 30 people per any church and look at the different spatial capacities. Adjustments can be made.

Sincerely,

C. Ms. Betty Nippi-Albright, MLA Saskatoon Centre

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