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CITY OF MUNTINLUPA
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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 8
Series of 2021

**PROVIDING FOR THE SUSPENSION OF ALL ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE
OBSERVANCE OF HOLY WEEK WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CELEBRATION OF THE
HOLY MASS IN THE CITY OF MUNTINLUPA**

WHEREAS, the Local Chief Executives of the local government units of the Metropolitan Manila met and discussed the conduct of activities of the faithful in relation to the solemn observance of Holy Week, which, for purposes of this issuance, shall start from 29 March 2021, Palm Sunday, and end on 04 April 2021, Easter Sunday;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Liturgy and Popular Religiosity (CLPR) of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Parañaque, covering the Cities of Parañaque, Las Piñas and Muntinlupa, has issued its *Recommendations and Guidelines on the Celebration of Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection*;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to impose restrictions on the movement of people as a result of the recent surge in the number of covid-19 infections in Metropolitan Manila, as well as a consequence of the shared border between the City of Muntinlupa and the City of San Pedro, Province of Laguna, the Cities of Bacoor and Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite, wherein the latter territories have a less restrictive Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) classification than the General Community Quarantine (GCQ) in Metropolitan Manila;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jaime R. Fresnedi, City Mayor of Muntinlupa, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and decree that:

Section 1. Suspension of All Activities.

All activities in relation to the observance of Holy Week, involving a gathering, an assembly, or a congregation shall be suspended, and this shall include, but not limited to the following, namely:

- (a) Blessing of palm fronds during Palm Sunday Mass held and carried by the faithful whose number exceed the capacity allowed by current regulations. In no circumstance shall the Parish Priest, or similarly-situated person in authority, ease the rule on social distancing, whether held within the walls of the parish church, the chapel, and adjacent *patio*, courtyard or parking area;

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- (b) *Pabasa*, whether held on parish grounds or in the privacy of homes or compounds;
- (c) *Senakulo*, or any similarly-situated re-enactment of the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ;
- (d) Washing of the Feet during the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, which shall be ceremonial and shall not involve participants;
- (e) *Visita Iglesia*;
- (f) Stations of the Cross, which shall be held virtually;
- (g) *Alay Lakad*, the traditional physical march or walk of devotees leading to the Santo Sepulcro in Barangay Landayan, City of San Pedro;
- (h) *Penitencia*, or the act of self-flagellation;
- (i) *Prusisyon*, or the act of transporting an image or images of veneration from the parish church and return, followed by devotees, and this prohibition includes motorcades;
- (j) *Salubong*, or the Easter meeting between the Risen Christ and Mary, His Mother.

In no circumstance shall the Parish Priest or the person in authority discontinue all disinfection activities. Vigilance in maintaining sanitized surroundings shall be observed.

Section 2. Eucharistic Celebration.

The Holy Mass shall proceed as scheduled, and pursuant to the CLPR mentioned in the second Whereas Clause, only "30% of the seating capacity of the church is to maintained. The immediate vicinity of the church may be occupied, provided that safety protocols are kept in place."

Section 3. StaySafe Application.

Pursuant to City Ordinance No. 2020-181, as amended by City Ordinance No. 2021-207, the use of the StaySafe .PH Application among all residents and non-residents of Muntinlupa in all public or private establishments, which includes churches, is mandated. In this regard, no parish church shall allow entry within its premises without the use of the said contact tracing application.



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Section 4. Departments and Offices in Charge.

The following departments and offices of the CGM, and National Government Agencies (NGAs), shall ensure compliance of all concerned to this Executive Order, namely:

- (a) Muntinlupa Traffic Management Bureau;
- (b) Public Order and Safety Office;
- (c) City Security Office;
- (d) Department of Disaster Resilience and Management;
- (e) Community Affairs and Development Office;
- (f) Tourism, Culture and the Arts Department;
- (g) Public Information Office; and
- (h) Philippine National Police, Muntinlupa City Station;
- (i) Bureau of Fire Protection, Muntinlupa City Station.

Among them, a plan shall be prepared and properly executed wherein select personnel shall be on hand to check on parish churches and ensure compliance.

Section 5. Submission of Plans.

All Parishes shall submit to the Tourism, Culture and the Arts Department (TCAD) their respective Schedule of Activities for Holy Week and Easter Sunday for proper monitoring.

Section 6. Barangay Assistance.

In order to fully realize the breadth of this Executive Order, the nine (9) Barangay Governments shall extend and provide assistance to the departments, offices and agencies above-mentioned. Close coordination shall be enjoined.

Each Barangay Government shall pay particular attention to the installation and manning of checkpoints along national and city roads, where foot and vehicular traffic shall be of special concern.

Section 7. Penalties.

Penalties shall be imposed on all violators in accordance with the provisions of relevant laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and orders issued by competent authority.



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Section 8. Repealing Clause.

Any previous order deemed inconsistent with any provision found herein shall be deemed repealed, revoked or amended accordingly.

Section 9. Separability Clause.

In the event that any provision found herein shall be judicially decided illegal or administratively declared infirm, untouched provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 10. Effectivity Clause.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon signing, and it shall be in full force and effect until repealed, revoked or amended accordingly.

DONE AND EXECUTED on this 18th day of March 2021 in the City of Muntinlupa.


JAIME R. FRESNEDI
City Mayor