

**DIRECTIVE ON THE PROTOCOL FOR THE FOURTH  
DEGREE HONOUR GUARD OF THE KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS**

May 28, 2007

To: All priests in the Diocese of London

Dear Father:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the new protocol for the *Fourth Degree Honour Guard of the Knights of Columbus* in Parish Liturgy.\* The Bishops of Canada have developed these protocols in order to harmonize practices for Honour Guards across Canada.

I have met with Mr. Stanley Balakowski, Master of the Fifth Ontario District, and notified him that I have decided to apply the protocol in the Diocese of London.

The new protocols include some changes. I draw your attention, for example, to the requirements that ceremonial swords are not to be drawn at any time in a sacred space, and that Communion is to be taken in a bare hand or on the tongue but never in a gloved hand.

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\* The referenced document is found on the following pages

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Attached to this letter is a copy of the protocols. I ask you to familiarize yourself with them and ensure that they are followed in the parishes of our diocese.

Faternally yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B.  
Bishop of London

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