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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:

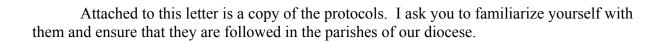
The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the new protocol for the *Fourth Degree Honour Guard of the Knights of Columbus* in Parish Liturgy.* The Bishops of Canada have developed these protocols in order to harmonize practices for Honour Guards across Canada.

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.

^{*} The referenced document is found on the following pages

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Fraternally yours in Christ,

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