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MEDIA ADVISORY

Individual Who Attended Mass and Volunteered at Cambria County Parish Tests Positive for COVID-19

(ALTOONA, PA) – An individual who attended Mass and volunteered recently at a Cambria County Parish has tested positive for COVID-19.

The person attended the 10:30 a.m. Mass on October 18 at Holy Family Parish in Portage. The individual also volunteered with the parish's basket drawing in the parish hall on October 17, 18, 19, and 22.

Both the Holy Family church and parish hall have undergone additional cleaning and sanitizing.

In continued alignment with public health guidelines, Bishop Mark Bartchak directs all clergy and parishioners to wear masks and practice physical distancing at all Masses and other parish activities. The faithful are also reminded that the Bishop continues to waive the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

Vulnerable individuals and others who cannot attend Mass are invited to watch the Sunday Mass from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown, which is broadcast live every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on WATM ABC 23 and rebroadcast every Sunday at 9:00 p.m. on Atlantic Broadband channel 9.

The diocese offers prayers for the individual who tested positive, the entire Holy Family Parish family, and everyone affected by the coronavirus pandemic.