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## STATEMENT ON RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FOR VACCINATION AGAINST COVID-19

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles, in accordance with the Vatican and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), recommends that all members of the Catholic community, who are able to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, should do so.

“Receiving one of the COVID-19 vaccines ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community. In this way, being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good.” -USCCB, Moral Considerations Regarding the New COVID-19 Vaccines

Since the vaccinations for COVID-19 have been found morally acceptable to protect the lives and ensure the health of all in our communities, the Archdiocese will not provide religious exemptions to receiving a vaccine against COVID-19. Parishes are not to provide religious exemption letters regarding the COVID-19 vaccination.

The following links might be helpful in understanding the morality of receiving the vaccine:

[https://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc\\_con\\_cfaith\\_doc\\_20201221\\_nota-vaccini-anticovid\\_en.html](https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html)

<https://www.usccb.org/news/2021/us-bishop-chairmen-doctrine-and-pro-life-address-use-johnson-johnson-covid-19-vaccine>

<https://www.cacatholic.org/CCC-vaccine-moral-acceptability>

Let us continue to pray for all who have died from this terrible illness, for their loved ones who are experiencing the pain of loss, and for all who continue to work diligently to care for the sick and serve all in need during these challenging times.



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## DECLARACIÓN SOBRE LA EXENCIÓN RELIGIOSA PARA EVITAR VACUNARSE CONTRAL EL COVID-19

La Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles, de acuerdo con el Vaticano y la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos (USCCB, por sus siglas en inglés), recomienda que todos los miembros de la comunidad católica que puedan recibir la vacuna del COVID-19 lo hagan.

“Recibir una de las vacunas para el COVID-19 debe entenderse como un acto de caridad hacia los demás miembros de nuestra comunidad. De esta manera, ser vacunado contra el COVID-19 debe ser considerado un acto de amor a nuestro prójimo y parte de nuestra responsabilidad moral por el bien común”. -USCCB, Consideraciones morales en relación con las nuevas vacunas del COVID-19.

Dado que las vacunas contra COVID-19 se han considerado moralmente aceptables para proteger las vidas y garantizar la salud de todos en nuestras comunidades, la Arquidiócesis no proporcionará exenciones religiosas para recibir una vacuna contra COVID-19. Las parroquias no deben proporcionar cartas de exención religiosa para la vacunación contra el COVID-19.

Los siguientes enlaces podrían ser útiles para entender la moralidad de recibir la vacuna:

[https://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc\\_con\\_cfaith\\_doc\\_20201221/nota-vaccini-anticovid\\_en.html](https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221/nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html)

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Sigamos orando por todos los que han fallecido a causa de esta terrible enfermedad, por sus seres queridos que están experimentando el dolor de la pérdida y por todos los que continúan trabajando diligentemente para cuidar a los enfermos y servir a todos los necesitados durante estos tiempos desafiantes.