

20 April 2020

**Official Notice from the Diocese of Fukuoka  
on Plan of Installation Process for Bp. Josep M. Abella**

Dear brothers and sisters in Diocese of Fukuoka,

Peace of Christ be with you all.

As it is announced earlier, Bp. Josep M. Abella has been appointed as a bishop of Fukuoka. Since we are under nationwide state of emergency over coronavirus, it is impossible to have a usual way of having Installation Mass as a diocese. Hearing Bp. Abella's intentions, we are planning to proceed his installation as follows:

1. Bp. Abella will move to Fukuoka on Monday 27 April, with proper security measures.
2. An installation ceremony of the bishop will be carried out with limited participants in the beginning of May. (note: According to Canon Law, an installation is required to be carried out within 2 months after an appointment of a bishop.)
3. If possible, with cautious attention to the status of COVID-19, a thanksgiving mass for the bishop's installation as a diocese will be held in end of July.

Please note that these are our plans which can be changed according to the situation of related times.

Thank you for your understanding and please be updated with further notice which will be announced when it is necessary.

Let us continue to pray for an end of the pandemic.

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