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This Pastoral Statement may be used by the Clergy in the Parishes to give to Parishioners to give further understanding to the Regulations of Covid-19

**THE SACRAMENT of ANOINTING THE MINISTRY to the DYING  
at the POINT of DEATH**

We may be faced at any time with the need to minister to family, friends or strangers who are sick, injured or dying.

Sickness varies from mild childhood diseases to painful terminal illness and now the dangerous life-threatening Coronavirus.

Our ministry continues within the context of the Regulations of Covid-19.

- We must obey the Law
- We keep social distancing
- We must wear Masks

But we must continue to minister God's Healing in innovative ways, with Pastoral Zeal and prayer.

I have heard in recent days of Clergy praying the Prayers at "At the Point of Death" and praying the Prayers of Anointing of someone who had just died.

This was done over the telephone with a member of a family (duly allowed) at the bedside, receiving the words over the speaker mode of the phone.

I encourage that we remain totally vigilant in our Pastoral Care to the Sick and to the Dying and that we communicate and Minister pastorally using technology to the best of our ability.

Yours in Christ,

+Raphael  
The Bishop of the Diocese of Saldanha Bay