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Archbishop Cordileone's Statement in Response to Justice Department's Letter Warning Mayor London Breed to Stop Discriminating Against Catholics and other Believers.

Today, the Department of Justice sent a letter to Mayor London Breed calling on her to promptly end the discriminatory treatment of worship, pointing to the ban on more than one person in a church for private prayer as particularly egregious but also criticizing the Mayor's proposed new worship rule.

Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone has issued the following statement in response.

"I am very grateful to the Department of Justice for this letter calling on Mayor London Breed to stop violating the civil rights of Catholics and other believers in San Francisco. Catholics in San Francisco have been patiently suffering injustice for months. At last, a competent legal authority is challenging the city's absurd rules, which have no basis in science, but are grounded in hostility to religion and especially the Catholic Church."

Archbishop Cordileone is available for media interviews about the DOJ Letter and his growing movement to FreeTheMass.com.

More than 19,000 people have signed the petition supporting Archbishop Cordileone's call to Mayor Breed to end unfair restrictions on the Mass. He announced plans for a large procession through the streets of San Francisco and a large outdoor Mass on October 3 to send the message: We are Essential: Free the Mass!

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DOJ Letter: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-calls-san-francisco-mayor-end-one-congregant-rule-places-worship-comply>