Daily Mass Requirement

Within the Archdiocese of Vancouver there is a long-standing tradition and policy that Mass be provided every day in parishes having a resident priest. This is in accord with the ideal expressed in Canon 904 which reads:

Remembering that the work of redemption is continually accomplished in the mystery of the Eucharistic sacrifice, priests are to celebrate frequently; indeed daily celebration is strongly recommended, since even if the faithful cannot be present, it is the act of Christ and the Church in which priests fulfill their principal function.

With the consensus of the members of the Presbyteral Council, the custom of the Archdiocese is to be maintained, namely, that Mass be provided daily in parishes with resident priests, including on priests’ days off.