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By the Grace of God and the Authority of the Apostolic See  
Bishop of Green Bay

## DECREE

### **Dispensation from obligation to attend Sunday Mass** Granted to the People of the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay

Whereas the worldwide spread of the Covid -19 has greatly impacted the United States of America,

Whereas the State of Wisconsin has now declared the spread of the illness to be a public health crisis,

Whereas the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay is made up of almost 300,000 Catholics in Northeast Wisconsin, and

Since over the past seven months we have measured and monitored the spread of the virus and applied a proper pastoral and canonical response, and

Since we are currently experiencing a dramatic and dangerous increase of the Covid-19 virus within the sixteen diocesan counties,

Therefore, in order to help prevent the spread of disease, to allay fear, and to assure the consciences of the Faithful, I hereby re-instate the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice effective October 5, 2020.

Given at the Chancery on October 2, 2020.

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Tammy C. Basten, Chancellor