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### **MEMORANDUM**

To: All Bishops

From: Reverend Monsignor Jeffrey D. Burrill, S.T.L., General Secretary

Date: November 20, 2020

Subject: Indult Granted Related to the Celebration of Christmas 2020 Masses

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Through the courtesy of the Apostolic Nunciature, the Conference received the attached decree issued by His Eminence Robert Cardinal Sarah, Prefect, Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in which an indult request has been granted for local ordinaries in the United States of America to allow priests in their diocese to celebrate up to four Masses on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day due to the situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. **This permission is granted for Christmas 2020 only.**

Thank you for your attention to this memorandum.



CONGREGATIO DE CULTU DIVINO  
ET DISCIPLINA SACRAMENTORUM

Prot. N. 522/20

## CIVITATUM FÆDERATARUM AMERICÆ SEPTENTRIONALIS

Instante Excellentissimo Domino Iosepho Horatio Gomez, Archiepiscopo Angelorum in California, Conferentiæ Episcoporum Civitatum Fœderatarum Americæ Septentrionalis Præsidi, litteris die 29 mensis octobris 2020 datis, vigore facultatum huic Congregationi a Summo Pontifice FRANCISCO tributarum, attentis expositis, perlibenter concedimus, ut Ordinarii locorum perdurantibus causis quæ ad universale contagium v.d. *Covid-19* spectant, celebrationem quattuor Missarum in Vigilia Nativitatis Domini et in die Nativitatis Domini permittere valeant presbyteris in suis dioecesibus commorantibus, quoties id pro bono fidelium necessarium videbitur, atque servatis semper de iure servandis, præsertim quoad præscripta in can. 951.

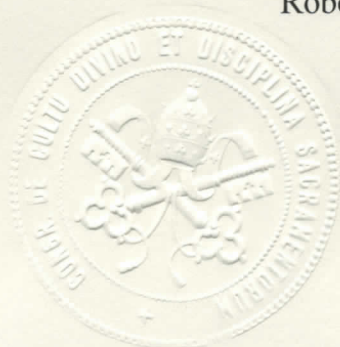
Quæ gratia conceditur pro Nativitate Domini 2020 tantum.

Contrariis quibuslibet minime obstantibus.

Ex ædibus Congregationis de Cultu Divino et Disciplina Sacramentorum, die 1 mensis novembris 2020, in sollemnitatem omnium sanctorum.

*Robertus Card. Sarah*

Robertus Card. SARAH  
*Præfectus*



+ *Arturus Roche*

✠ Arturus ROCHE  
*Archiepiscopus a Secretis*