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Bishop of Green Bay

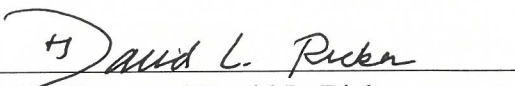
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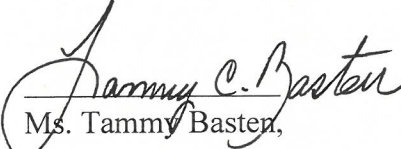
Catholics are to be reminded of the obligatory days of fasting and abstinence that are important parts of the penitential Season of Lent (Canon 1250-1252).

This year, the Feast of St. Patrick, recognized on March 17th, happens to fall on a Friday in Lent. Many St. Patrick's Day celebrations occur each year on this day, honoring this faithful servant of Christ. Despite much adversity, St. Patrick became one of the most successful Christian missionaries in history converting Ireland to Christianity.

To honor his work of making disciples of Jesus, and in accord with the norm of law (Canon 1253), I grant to all Catholics of the Diocese of Green Bay a dispensation from abstinence from meat and meat products on the Feast of St. Patrick in the year 2023. I further prescribe that those who make use of this dispensation engage in another sacrificial, penitential, spiritual, or charitable act that day, such as praying the Rosary for the intention of vocations, participating in the Stations of the Cross, making a Holy Hour, or donating the cost of the meal that day to the Rice Bowl initiative.

Given at the Chancery on this 1st day of February, 2023, the Feast of St. Brigid of Kildare.


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