



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SYRACUSE

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DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

WHEREAS, in view of the rapid spread of COVID-19 and in order to minimize the risk of contracting or spreading the virus, and

WHEREAS, on Sundays and other days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass (can. 1247),

THEREFORE, I, the Bishop of Syracuse, out of pastoral concern for the faithful and under the norms of canon 87 § 1, do hereby immediately dispense the faithful entrusted to my care and those Catholics who are within the territory of the Diocese of Syracuse from the obligation to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays until further notice.

As is fitting and just, the obligation of keeping holy the Lord's Day remains in effect. In this way, the faithful are "to abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body (can. 1247)."

Given this twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord, two-thousand twenty.

+ Douglas J. Lucia

Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia

Danielle E. Cummings

Mrs. Danielle Cummings
Chancellor