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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, the coronavirus has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO),

Whereas the State of Wisconsin has 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,

Whereas Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on Sundays, (Canon 898),

Therefore, to prevent the spread of disease, to allay fear, and to assure the consciences of the Faithful, I hereby grant a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for the Sundays of March 15, 22, and 29, 2020.

Given at the Chancery on March 13, 2020.

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Chancellor, Ecclesiastical Notary