

EARL BOYEA
EPISCOPUS LANSINGENSIS
Divina Miseratione et Apostolicæ Sedis Gratia

DECREE

**EXTENDING THE DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION
TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS AND OTHER OBLIGATORY HOLY DAYS
UNTIL TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021**

INASMUCH AS HEALTH OFFICIALS have noted a recent increase in COVID-19 cases in this region, and health care facilities have raised concerns about their ability to provide adequately for those afflicted with this virus and its complications, again taking into account the gravity of the law from which dispensation is given (can. 90 §§1, 2) and considering anew the spiritual good of the people of God entrusted to my care (can. 87 §1), I decree that the faithful of the Diocese of Lansing are dispensed from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation until Tuesday, February 16, 2021, preceding the liturgical season of Lent.

As previously provided, the faithful are reminded that while the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is dispensed, all are nevertheless obligated to keep the Lord's day holy (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2168-2195). It is especially recommended to engage in prayer, either personally or as a family (cf, can. 1248 §2), for example, by devoutly following a broadcast of the Sunday Mass by television, internet, or radio. Parishes are encouraged to continue to use the various means of social communications to maximize accessibility to the faithful.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

With immediate effect.

Given at the Curia in Lansing on this, the thirteenth day of November, the memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin, in the year of our Lord 2020.

Mr. Michael Andrews
Chancellor

Most Reverend Earl Boyea
Bishop of Lansing