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Dispensation from the Obligation to Attend Mass
Extension – May 30, 2020 to July 5, 2020

While I have granted permission to begin the reopening of public Masses, due to the ongoing gravity of the present moment and the restrictions being placed on us during the "Phase 2" civil reopening plan, I hereby extend the dispensation for **all Catholic faithful of the Diocese of Las Vegas and those Catholics visiting within the geographic boundaries of our Diocese, from the obligation of attending Sunday Masses up to and including July 5, 2020.**

While we recognize that many are eager to return to Mass in our Churches, it remains important for those who are elderly and otherwise at risk to refrain from returning to public Liturgies until it is manifestly safe to do so. All the faithful, especially those who are sick, at high risk of becoming sick, and their caregivers, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is hereby dispensed.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "George L. Thomas".

Most Reverend George L. Thomas, Ph.D.
Bishop of the Diocese of Las Vegas

Prayer to Overcome Racism

MARY, FRIEND AND MOTHER TO ALL,
through your Son, God has found a way
to unite himself to every human being,
called to be one people,
sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on
your Son,
seeking forgiveness for the times when
we have failed to love and respect
one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from
your Son
the grace we need to overcome the evil
of racism
and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son,
so that prejudice and animosity
will no longer infect our minds or hearts
but will be replaced with a love
that respects
the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church,
the Spirit of your Son Jesus
warms our hearts:
pray for us.

Amen.



Oración para superar el racismo

MARÍA, AMIGA Y MADRE DE TODOS,
a través de tu Hijo Dios ha encontrado
un camino para unirse a todos los
seres humanos,
llamados a ser un solo pueblo,
hermanas y hermanos entre sí.

Pedimos tu ayuda al recurrir a tu Hijo,
buscando el perdón por las veces
en que hemos fallado en amarnos
y respetarnos.

Pedimos tu ayuda para obtener de
tu Hijo
la gracia que necesitamos para vencer
el mal del racismo y construir una
sociedad justa.

Pedimos tu ayuda para seguir a tu Hijo,
para que el prejuicio y la animosidad
no infecten ya nuestras mentes
o corazones
sino que sean reemplazados por el
amor que respeta la dignidad de
cada persona.

Madre de la Iglesia,
el Espíritu de tu Hijo Jesús
alienta nuestros corazones:
Ruega por nosotros.

Amén.

