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**By Appointment of the Apostolic See
BISHOP OF STEUBENVILLE**

Decree

Modifying Norms for the Resumption of Public Masses

Whereas, on May 12, 2020, I promulgated the *Norms for the Resumption of Public Masses* as particular law for the Diocese of Steubenville, and said *Norms* remain in effect due to the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, said *Norms* stipulate that “there is to be no passing of a collection basket or ushers taking the collection using baskets on handles;” and

Whereas, changing situations and advancement in medical and public health knowledge warrant modifications in the *Norms* when appropriate; and

Whereas, having consulted with clergy and laity and having obtained medical advice, and finding that the taking up of a collection by means of baskets on handles may be done safely,

Therefore, in accord with canon 838 §4, I hereby abrogate the aforesaid *Norms*’ prohibition on “taking the collection using baskets on handles” and decree that collections may be taken by means of baskets on handles and stipulate that ushers taking a collection by these means are to sanitize their hands before and after taking the collection. The *Norms*’ prohibition of “passing a collection basket” among the faithful, as well the *Norms*’ other provisions, remain in effect.

This decree takes effect as of November 7, 2020.

A petition for revocation or emendation of this decree is subject to canons 1732-1739. All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery at Steubenville on the Memorial of St. Martin de Porres, the 3rd day of November in the Year of Our Lord, 2020.



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Bishop of Steubenville



Very Reverend Bradley W. Greer, J.C.L.
Chancellor

