

DIOCESE OF NASHVILLE



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IN LIGHT OF the *Interim Guidance for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)* provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the federal government of the United States of America on 15 March 2020, and

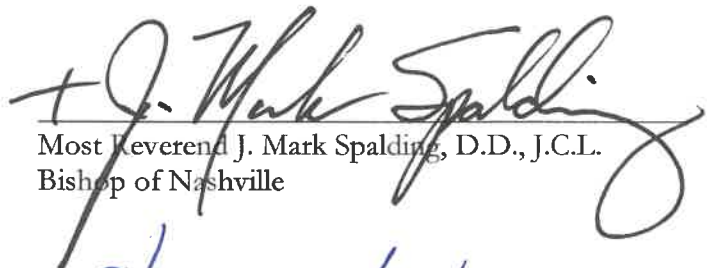
IN LIGHT OF the consideration given by the Church to legitimate and reasonable directives of civil authorities (c. 22 *CIC*), and

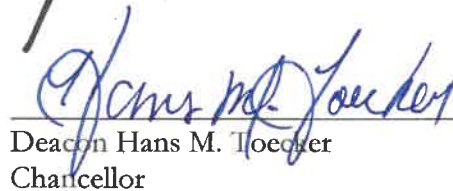
HAVING solicitude for the wellbeing of all the Christian faithful in my care (c. 383 §1 *CIC*),

I therefore DISPENSE (c. 87 *CIC*) the faithful of the Diocese of Nashville from the obligation to participate in Mass on Sundays and other holy days of obligation (c. 1247 *CIC*), until 3 April 2020.

I further DIRECT the clergy and lay faithful of the Diocese of Nashville to have due regard for any instructions (c. 34 §1) for ongoing religious activity during this time, as published on the diocesan website, dioceseofnashville.com.




Most Reverend J. Mark Spalding, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Nashville


Deacon Hans M. Toeber
Chancellor

Given 17 March 2020 at Nashville, Tennessee.