



## DIOCESE OF VICTORIA

*Office of the Bishop*

July 23, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that the precepts of the Church are set to ensure the spirit of prayer and growth in spiritual life of the faithful. Founded in the tradition of the Church there are five practical precepts listed in the Catechism #2042-2043.

The first of these is the obligation “to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.”

In consideration of the public health concerns caused by the spread of COVID-19, I dispensed the faithful of the Diocese of Victoria from this obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass through July 31. I am extending this dispensation through Aug. 31, 2020.

Let us keep one another in prayer, for ourselves and for the world, entrusting our hearts to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Most Reverend Brendan J. Cahill  
Bishop of Victoria in Texas