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RESCRIPT

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic precipitated the need to take precautions to protect the health and safety of members of the faithful, especially elderly and vulnerable populations,

Whereas on March 12, 2020, I dispensed all Catholics in the Diocese of Providence from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation, and subsequently renewed that dispensation indefinitely as the cause endured (cf. can. 87, 1247 CIC),

Whereas recent developments have substantially lessened the incidence of disease transmission and ensured the safety of members of the faithful who worship at Mass,

I hereby revoke my prior dispensation of March 12, 2020, thus reinstating the obligation for all Catholics to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation in accord with can. 1247 CIC.

Members of the faithful who are prevented from attending Mass due to significant health challenges are reminded that Church law recommends those individuals spend time in prayer if their participation in the celebration of the Eucharist is impossible due to a grave cause (cf. can. 1248 §2 CIC).

This revocation takes effect on the 6th Day of June, 2021, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

Given in Providence, at the Chancery, on the 10th Day of May, 2021.

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Most Reverend Thomas J. Tobin
Bishop of Providence

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy D. Reilly', written over a horizontal line.

Reverend Timothy D. Reilly
Chancellor