I grant a dispensation to the members of the Catholic Faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays. This dispensation will continue until further notice.

This dispensation is provided in consideration of recommendations made by local and state public health officials in order to protect public health and slow the transmission rate of COVID-19. This dispensation gives people the opportunity to decide what is best for themselves and their families.

Please pray for those affected by COVID-19, those afflicted, their families and caregivers and all health care workers. Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, Health of the Sick, may we find protection and comfort during this time.

Given at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Stockton, CA on this twelfth day of March, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and twenty.

Myron J. Cotta
Bishop of Stockton

Dyan Hollenhorst
Chancellor