

EARL BOYEA

EPISCOPUS LANSINGENSIS

Divina Miseratione et Apostolicæ Sedis Gratia

DECREE

**EXTENDING THE DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION
TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS AND OTHER OBLIGATORY HOLY DAYS
UNTIL SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2020**

JUDGING THAT A JUST AND REASONABLE CAUSE is present, namely, the protection of the health of the faithful, with particular solicitude for the most vulnerable, after taking into account the circumstances and the gravity of the law from which this dispensation is given (can. 90 §§1, 2) and considering carefully the spiritual good of the people of God entrusted to my care (can. 87 §1), I decree that the faithful of the Diocese of Lansing are dispensed from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation until the end of the Church Year, that is, until Saturday, November 28, 2020, inscribed on the liturgical calendar as the Saturday of the Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time.

Although the faithful are dispensed from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass, they are still obliged to keep holy the Lord's Day (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2168-2195); it is especially recommended to engage in prayer, either personally or as a family (*cf.* can. 1248 §2), for example, by devoutly following a broadcast of the Sunday Mass by television, internet, or radio. Parishes are encouraged to continue to broadcast the Holy Mass by use of the various means of social communications in order to maximize accessibility to the faithful.

With immediate effect.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Curia in Lansing, on this the seventh day of August, the memorial of Saints Sixtus II, pope, and Companions, martyrs, in the year of our Lord 2020.

Mr. Michael Andrews
Chancellor

Most Reverend Earl Boyea
Bishop of Lansing