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**Decree**

In light of ongoing concerns regarding COVID-19 (the novel coronavirus), following guidance from the Center for Disease Control and other public health safety organizations, and mindful of the contagious nature of this illness, I hereby decree that:

The faithful of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester are hereby dispensed from the obligation set out in *CIC* can. 1247 to “participate in the Mass on Sundays and other holy days of obligation,” even while the more fundamental obligation of keeping holy the Lord’s Day still remains.

This dispensation is effective immediately, and remains in force until Monday, April 6, 2020.

Given on March 13, 2020 in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, Minnesota.

+ John M. Quinn

Most Rev. John M. Quinn  
Bishop of Winona-Rochester



Julie A Wright

Ecclesiastical Notary