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DECREE DISPENSING FROM THE OBLIGATION OF SUNDAY MASS AND EASTER TRIDUUM LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

In the wake of Coronavirus-Covid19 pandemic and guided by the already published Decree by the *Congregatio de Cultu Divino et Disciplina Sacramentorum* (prot. N 153/20) and the Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops (KCCB) guidelines, not to put the faithful at safety risk, I decree that the Religious Sisters; brothers and lay Christians residing in the Archdiocese of Nairobi be dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays; Easter Triduum and other Holy days of obligation Cf. canons 87 and 1247.

This unprecedented occurrence has been necessitated by the protocols demanding of us to observe physical distance due to the uncontrollable spread of the deadly disease of Covid19 (Coronavirus). I therefore urge all of you to be guided by the Archdiocese of Nairobi special pastoral guidelines activities during this current situation.

This dispensation remains in effect until it is revoked.

Take this moment to deeply reflect on the passion of Christ who suffered death and resurrected to give us new life, by meditating on the scriptures, fervently praying the rosary; devotional and novena prayers as a family. Follow the live streamed Mass in our Catholic radio Waumini; Radio Maria Nairobi – 99.9FM; the local vernacular station of Coro radio and KCB television; Capuchin TV (for international channel watch EWTN).

Always ensure you adhere to the safety measures as directed by the government of Kenya and other health safety organizations. Don't be afraid the Lord is in our midst and He is re-assuring us with His words "Peace be with you", John 20:19.

May our mother Mary who walked with Christ to Calvary and was present at the resurrection with the Apostles intercede for us and see us through this trying moment of our faith.

Given this date the 26th of March, 2020 in the Archdiocese of Nairobi.

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