



Prot. N. 2020-0243 AB A

DECREE FOR RESUMING LIMITED PUBLIC MASS

In the Name of God. Amen.

I, Most Reverend Samuel J. AQUILA, S.T.L., by the grace of God, Archbishop of Denver,

Having seen canons 87, 835 §1, 860, 881, 920, 932, 964, 1118, 1247 of the *Code of Canon Law*; and

Having seen the decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, Prot. No. 153/20, signed by Robert Cardinal SARAH, and dated March 19, 2020; and

Considering the need to resume the public celebration of the Eucharist and the other Sacraments in the Archdiocese of Denver, for the good of the faithful and the salvation of souls; and

Considering the need to practice social distancing and other pandemic health directives to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus in Colorado;

I, the undersigned Archbishop of Denver, hereby,

Decree

that the public celebration of the Mass and all other Sacraments can resume;

However, pastors of souls are obliged to ensure that the celebration of the Sacraments can be done safely and while following the “Guidelines of the Archdiocese of Denver” attached to this Decree (Prot. N. 2020-0243.1).

I further grant permission for clergy to use spaces other than the parish church for the celebration of Mass, distribution of the Eucharist, and all other sacraments. This may include parking lots, outdoor spaces, gymnasiums, halls, etc. Guided by prudence, such decisions may increase the number of faithful able to participate.

I further decree that Holy Communion is to be distributed only under the species of bread, without the chalice being offered to the faithful.

I further decree that Holy Communion is to be distributed only on the hand during this period of time because of the danger of transmitting the Coronavirus through reception on the tongue.

I further extend the dispensation to the Christian faithful of the Archdiocese of Denver from the obligation to participate in the Sunday (or other holy day) celebration of the Eucharist.

I further grant a dispensation to the Christian faithful of the Archdiocese of Denver from the obligation to receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. The obligation to receive Holy Communion once a year remains, but this obligation does not have to be fulfilled during the Easter season as per canon 920 §2.

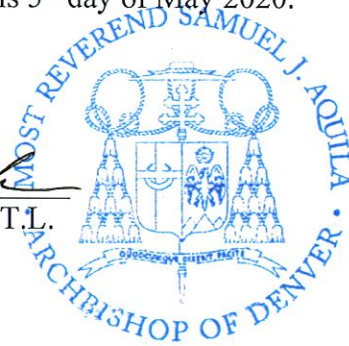
I furthermore order that this decree be made known in accordance with canon 54 §2 of the *Code of Canon Law*, and that it be sent to the archives of the Archdiocese of Denver.

Everything to the contrary, notwithstanding, this decree goes into effect on the 9th day of May 2020 and continues until it is revoked or amended by me.

Given at the *Curia Denveriensis* on this 5th day of May 2020.



† Most Reverend Samuel J. Aquila, S.T.L.
Archbishop of Denver





Rev. Matthew Magee
Vice-Chancellor

