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### **Dispensation from the Obligation to Attend Mass Extension – September 27, 2020 through October 25, 2020**

While I have granted permission to begin the reopening of public Masses, due to the ongoing gravity of the present moment and the restrictions being placed on us during the civil reopening plan, I hereby extend the dispensation for **all Catholic faithful of the Diocese of Las Vegas and those Catholics visiting within the geographic boundaries of our Diocese, from the obligation of attending Sunday Masses up to and including October 25, 2020.**

While we recognize that many are eager to return to Mass in our churches, it remains important for those who are elderly and otherwise at risk to refrain from returning to public Liturgies until it is manifestly safe to do so. For all the faithful, especially those who are sick, at high risk of becoming sick, and their caregivers, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is hereby dispensed.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "George L. Thomas".

Most Reverend George L. Thomas, Ph.D.  
Bishop of the Diocese of Las Vegas

Date: September 24, 2020