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**DECREE**  
**on the Mass in Time of Pandemic**

*The plague that prowls in the darkness you will not fear* (cf. Ps 90, 5-6). These words of the psalmist are an invitation to have great faith in the steadfast love of God who never abandons his people in time of trial.

In these days, during which the whole world has been gravely stricken by the Covid-19 virus, many requests have come to this Dicastery to be able to celebrate a specific Mass to implore God to bring an end to this pandemic.

Therefore this Congregation, in virtue of the faculties granted to it by the Supreme Pontiff FRANCIS, gives permission to celebrate the Mass in Time of Pandemic, on any day except Solemnities, the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, days within the Octave of Easter, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), Ash Wednesday and the days of Holy Week (cf. *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, n. 374), for the duration of the pandemic.

The text of the Mass formulary is attached to this Decree.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

From the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 30 March 2020.

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