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by the grace of God and the Apostolic See

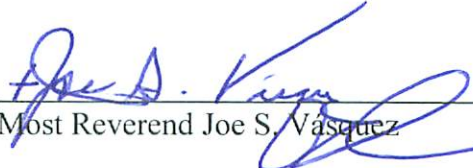
DECREE

I, Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez, Bishop of Austin, having considered the recommendations of public health officials to reduce the number of persons attending public gatherings, I DECREE:


That all public Masses within the Diocese of Austin are suspended until Wednesday of Holy Week (April 8, 2020), unless revoked or extended by subsequent decree; and

That the faithful are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays or other holy days of obligation (canon 1247 during this same time) and are asked to make other acts of spiritual devotion such as a spiritual communion, praying the office, praying for the sick, reading scripture or participating in devotionals such as praying the rosary.

Given this 17th day of March 2020 in the seat of the Diocese of Austin.



Most Reverend Joe S. Vasquez



Deacon Ron Walker
Chancellor

