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LETTER OF PROMULGATION

December 12, 2025
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dear Brother Priests, Deacons, Religious and all the Faithful,

We joyfully celebrate a golden year with the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee in 1975. Since that time, we have been blessed to witness continued and ongoing growth in so many areas of our fledgling diocese.

This is also a good time for us as a sacramental Church to establish new guidelines and norms for the celebration of the sacraments. This is especially important as we move toward “Restored Order” which will significantly affect the sacraments of First Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation.

In the sacraments, we as the Church celebrate, pray and are commissioned to go forth and share the Good News with our families, neighbors, acquaintances and people we come across in the day to day of our lives. There has been great emphasis placed upon our call to be “Missionary Disciples.”

The new guidelines contain the norms required to celebrate the sacraments in our diocese. We are committed along with the universal Church to provide catechesis to properly prepare adults, children and their parents for the reception of the sacraments.

Guidelines are a necessary means to bring consistent and helpful instruction on worship which celebrates the sacraments with reverence, understanding, wonder and awe. It is certainly my hope as I promulgate the new guidelines that we all be one in our ministration of the sacraments through which our Lord offers us grace and the hope of eternal salvation.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend William A. Wack, CSC
Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee

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