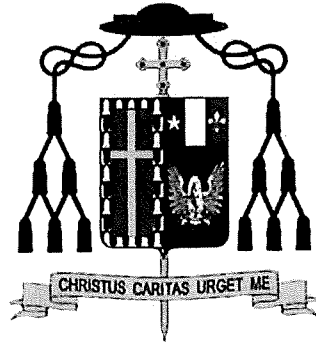


Diocese of Lafayette



*Miseratione Divina et Apostolicae Sedis Gratia
Episcopus Dioecesis Lafayettensis*

DECREE

Whereas, the disciplinary practice of abstaining from meat and meat products on the Fridays in Lent is an important dimension of the penitential nature of the season and applies to all Roman Catholics who have reached the age of fourteen (14) (Canon 1252);

Whereas, this year, the Feast of St. Patrick, March 17, 2023, falls on a Friday in Lent, and given the many celebrations that occur on this day in commemoration of Saint Patrick and especially of the Irish heritage, in accord with the norm of law;

Therefore, I herewith grant to all Catholics of the Diocese as well as all present here that day, a dispensation from abstinence from meat and meat products. All who make use of this dispensation are to engage in another sacrificial or charitable act that day.

Given in Lafayette, this 2nd day of March, 2023.

Handwritten signature of J. Douglas Deshotel in black ink.

Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D.
Bishop of Lafayette

Handwritten signature of Maureen K. Fontenot in black ink.

Mrs. Maureen K. Fontenot, PHR SHRM-CP
Chancellor

