



DECREE OF PROMULGATION

PARTICULAR LAW ON THE CELEBRATION OF SUNDAY, HOLY DAY, AND WEEKDAY MASSES

Regarding the celebration of Sunday, holy day, and weekday Masses, and after having heard the Presbyteral Council on this matter, I hereby decree that the following shall be established as particular law for the Diocese of Erie:

- §1 On Sundays and holy days of obligation, as well as on the preceding evenings, all parish Masses are to be celebrated within the parish church itself or in a lawfully designated mission church (cf. can. 835 §1 and can. 838 §4).
- §2 Pastors of partnered parishes are to celebrate only one Mass on Saturday evening and on the vigil of holy days of obligation, regardless of the number of parishes which are partnered. The time and place for that Mass is to be determined by the pastor after having consulted the members of the shared pastoral council and after having consulted the Diocesan Bishop (cf. can. 835 §1 and can. 838 §4).
- §3 The number of parish Masses scheduled for Sundays and holy days of obligation are not to exceed the total number which the priests assigned to the parish are lawfully permitted to celebrate.

This decree is effective February 13, 2017, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery
of the Diocese of Erie
on this 20th day of September, 2016

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

The Reverend Christopher J. Singer, JCL
Chancellor