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Dispensation from the Law of Abstinence on the Memorial of Saint Patrick

Given the prescripts of canons 1251 and 1253 of the Code of Canon Law, in keeping with the immemorial practice of the Church, and bearing in mind that the norms on fasting and abstinence promulgated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for the dioceses of the United States require all the faithful to abstain from eating meat on the Fridays of Lent, and that the same norms permit the faithful to substitute some other act of penance in place of abstinence from meat on Fridays outside of Lent;

And, noting, however, that the Memorial of Saint Patrick falls on a Friday of the second week of Lent this year and exhorting the faithful to exercise due moderation and temperance in festivities and celebrations of the memorial of Saint Patrick, in keeping with the solemnity and honor that is due to so great a saint and his tireless efforts to inspire holiness in the Christian faithful:

And, wishing nevertheless to foster a joyful and reverent devotion to that great saint and, moreover, to honor the patrimony of the Irish people to whom he first preached the good news of salvation;

I, the undersigned Archdiocesan Administrator of Indianapolis, having considered the actions of the previous Archbishops of Indianapolis, and of many of the current bishops around the United States, hereby grant the following

Dispensation

To the faithful who reside in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, as well as anyone actually present in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, from the observance of the law of abstinence on Friday, March 17, 2017; Furthermore, I urge the recipients of this dispensation to perform some salutary work of penance or charity that day so that they might unite themselves more perfectly with the suffering and death of our Lord.

Given this 28th day of February in the year of our Lord, 2017

Reverend Monsignor William F. Stumpf
Archdiocesan Administrator

Annette "Mickey" Lentz
Chancellor