



Office of the Bishop

# Diocese of Reno

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## Cessation of Dispensation

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

At the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, I granted to all Catholics in the Diocese of Reno a general dispensation from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass. Since there has been a significant decline in the number of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths due to the novel Coronavirus in our region, and given the lifting of mitigation restrictions, this dispensation will cease on July 1, 2021.

I encourage all Catholics to return to the practice of in-person participation in the Sunday Eucharist. The experience of the pandemic underscores the need for us to gather together physically for worship and the sacraments.

The safety of all continues to be a priority as we gather. For this reason, I encourage all to get vaccinated if they have not already done so.

Some of the faithful cannot attend Mass in person due to illness or other health issues. Obviously, they are not obligated to attend Mass for this reason. They are asked to engage in appropriate prayer in honor of the Lord's Day.

In Christ,

Bishop Randolph R. Calvo  
June 23, 2021