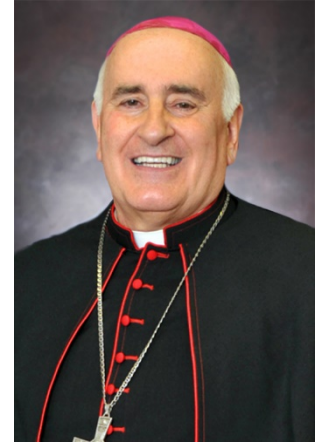


Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to subside, the bishops of Minnesota have made the decision together to reinstate the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation in all of our dioceses beginning the weekend of July 3-4.

Please read the accompanying document from the Minnesota Catholic Conference, which explains the importance of attending Mass in person and outlines the circumstances under which Mass attendance will still not be required for the time being. The document is posted at <https://bit.ly/3w0zJW1>.



It is with great joy that we return as parish communities to the celebration of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith. It is an obligation rooted in our love for the Lord and our desire to celebrate this love together as one body in Christ. I join your pastor and fellow parishioners in welcoming you back to Mass. May God bless you and your loved ones. Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Donald J. Kettler

Bishop of Saint Cloud