DECREE

In order to dispel any confusion concerning the cancellation of all public Masses within the Diocese of Dallas until March 30, 2020, as noted in my Decree dated March 13, 2020, and in order to further discourage public gatherings in light of the current health emergency, I decree that:

All Catholics of the Diocese of Dallas are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass “on Sundays and other holy days of obligation” (canon 1247) until March 30, 2020.

Catholics of the Diocese of Dallas are under no obligation to attend Mass during this time. Catholics of the Diocese of Dallas are especially under no obligation to travel to other dioceses in order to attend Mass.

Let us continue to pray for the Diocese, the community and all those affected by this virus.

Given this 14th day of March 2020 in the Diocese of Dallas.

Most Reverend Edward J. Burns
Bishop of Dallas

Gregory Caridi
Chancellor