Whereas, on May 12, 2020, I promulgated the Norms for the Resumption of Public Masses as particular law for the Diocese of Steubenville due to the coronavirus pandemic; and

Whereas, said Norms have been modified at times since their implementation; and

Whereas, the public health situation has stabilized, and the State of Ohio will terminate most of its public health restrictions on June 2, 2021; and

Whereas, the need for said obligatory Norms has ceased, and the obligation of canon 1247 will again be in effect in the Diocese of Steubenville on June 5, 2021;

Therefore, I hereby revoke and abrogate the Norms for the Resumption of Public Masses, effective June 2, 2021. Upon that date, the provisions of the Norms may serve as guidelines for parishes and the implementation is at the discretion of the Pastor.

I also hereby decree that the distribution of the Precious Blood to the faithful remains suspended until further notice. The exceptions to suspension of reception from the chalice are 1) those unable to receive even a low-gluten Host and 2) the bride and groom in the celebration of a nuptial Mass.

A petition for revocation or emendation of this decree is subject to canons 1732-1739. All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery at Steubenville on the 18th day of May in the Year of Our Lord, 2021.

Most Reverend Jeffrey M. Monforton, D.D., S.T.D.
Bishop of Steubenville

Very Reverend Bradley W. Greer, J.C.L.
Chancellor