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Dear Father,

**Re: General Absolution**

In my message, dated 27 May 2020, I wrote to inform you that when our churches were reopened, I would be authorizing the priests ministering in our diocese to celebrate the Rite of General Absolution for a limited period of time due to the grave circumstances of the pandemic.

Attached to this message were several documents. They included theological and pastoral reflections to help you in your preparations to celebrate the Rite of General Absolution and to provide your parishioners with good catechesis. One of the conditions of this Rite, for example, is the requirement that the penitent confess all grave sins in individual auricular confession as soon as possible after the reception of general sacramental absolution and before receiving it again, if possible.

By this letter, I am permitting the priests ministering in our diocese to use the Rite of General Absolution for the next three months, until 30 September 2020.

For pastoral reasons, you may judge that it is necessary to offer General Absolution in your parishes on different occasions.

During this time of pandemic, we consecrated our diocese to Mary, Mother of the Church, asking for her protection. Through her intercession, may her Son pour out on us his abundant graces of mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B.  
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