DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

DECREE

EASTER DUTY DURING THE PANDEMIC

Whereas all the faithful are obligated to observe the Easter Duty, which requires all the faithful to Receive Holy Communion once a year during the Easter Season;

Whereas the Easter Duty does not require the reception of Penance once a year unless a person is in grave sin (CCC 1457, 2042);

Whereas, during the present pandemic it may not be possible for people to receive Holy Communion either because they cannot attend church or because of a delicate conscience relative to receiving Communion in the hand;

I hereby dispense the faithful of the Diocese of Hamilton from the Easter Duty this year, 2021.

Given on 8th day of March at the Chancery Office in Hamilton, Ontario.

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

Very Rev. Monsignor Murray J. Kroetsch, PH, VG
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