



## DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

### DECREE

#### EASTER DUTY DURING THE PANDEMIC

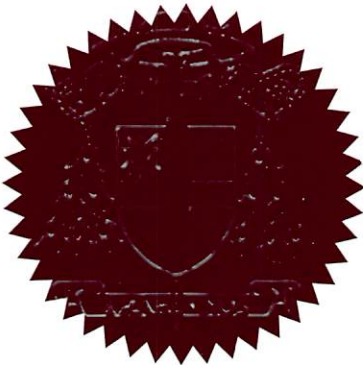
Whereas all the faithful are obligated to observe the Easter Duty, which requires all the faithful to Receive Holy Communion once a year during the Easter Season;

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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  
Chancellor

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