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**Diocese of La Crosse announces the lifting of the general dispensation from  
Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation**

Bishop William Patrick Callahan has announced that he will lift the current dispensation of the Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation for the Diocese of La Crosse beginning on June 26-27, 2021. “The Mass is our intimate encounter with Jesus,” said Bishop Callahan. “It is with open arms and a grateful heart, that we welcome all to respond to the invitation of Jesus to come to Him.”

The general dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass during the COVID-19 pandemic went into effect on March 13, 2020. Since that time, many Catholics have been returning to Mass as their local conditions allowed. It is important to note that those who have reasonable cause for a continued absence from Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation do not need a dispensation; personal illness or disability have always been considered valid excusing factors.

Participants attending Mass are encouraged to follow proper precautions to ensure the safety of all. A complete list of guidelines can be found at [diolc.org/back-to-mass](https://diolc.org/back-to-mass).