

ROBERTUS IACOBUS

Divina Miseratione et



Apostolicæ Sedis Gratia

ARCHIEPISCOPUS SANCTI LUDOVICI

**DECREE  
REGARDING MASS OFFERINGS**

We recall that “the Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works” (canon 946). Moreover, priests deserve remuneration to “provide for the necessities of life” and for “the equitable payment of those whose services they need” (canon 281 §1).

We note that the Christian faithful in the Province of Missouri usually suffer no hardship by offering ten (10) dollars to the priest who applies the Mass for their intention, and that a priest may accept for the application of a Mass a voluntary offering which is smaller than the offering established for the province (canon 952 §1).

Therefore, we, the undersigned bishops of the Province of Missouri, by unanimous vote on April 14, 2019 in accord with canon 952 §1, have determined that the offering to be given for the celebration and application of Mass in the Province of Missouri shall be ten (10) dollars.

We, with the universal law of the Church, earnestly recommend “to priests that they celebrate Mass for the intentions of the Christian faithful, especially the needy, even if they have not received an offering” (canon 945 §2).

The present decree becomes effective July 1, 2019, and shall be promulgated in each diocese in the Province of Missouri.

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Dated this ninth day of June, in the year of Our Lord, 2019, the Solemnity of Pentecost.

