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### **MEMORANDUM**

To: All Bishops

From: Reverend Monsignor Jeffrey D. Burrill, Associate General Secretary *gab.*

Date: November 1, 2019

Subject: Inscription of the Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto in the General Roman Calendar

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Your Eminence / Your Excellency,

I take this opportunity to convey to you a Decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments dated October 7, 2019, by which Pope Francis has inscribed the celebration of Our Lady of Loreto in the General Calendar of the Roman Rite. Having the rank of Optional Memorial, the Blessed Virgin will be honored under this title on December 10.

The Collect for the Mass is identical to one already found in the Roman Missal, in the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary during Advent (the second option). While the usual Mass readings of the day may be used, the most appropriate readings indicated for this celebration are found in the Lectionary's Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A new reading for the Office of Readings in the Liturgy of the Hours has been assigned, but there is no English-language translation approved at this time.

More information can be found on the webpage prepared by the Secretariat for Divine Worship:  
[www.USCCB.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/our-lady-of-loreto.cfm](http://www.USCCB.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/our-lady-of-loreto.cfm).

Thank you for your kind attention to this memorandum.