

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA

THE OFFICE OF THE AUXILIARY BISHOP



Friday 3 April, 2020

Official Decree

WHEREAS

Friday, April 10, 2020, is Good Friday, which is a day of mandatory Fast and Abstinence, and on which Catholics are obliged to abstain from all meats and meat products and to limit themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals not equal to a full meal, and

WHEREAS

We are in the midst of a major health crisis requiring the constant and generous attention of all professionals whose service is necessary for the treatment of those infected and in danger of contracting COVID-19,

Therefore be it

DECREED THAT

In consideration of health care workers in the Archdiocese of Atlanta who are on the front line of this pandemic and whose adherence to the discipline of Fast and Abstinence might present a special challenge in light of their consuming schedules, a dispensation from these obligations is hereby granted to all Catholics in health care professions on Good Friday, April 10, 2020.

Given at the Archdiocese of Atlanta Chancery April 3, 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ Joel M. Konzen, S.M.".

Most Reverend Joel Konzen, S.M.
Diocesan Administrator

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