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**To All the Faithful of the Diocese of Biloxi:**

As we “climb the holy mountain of Easter” during this Lenten season, certain of our steps along the way are meant to be celebrated. The feast of St. Patrick this year falls on a Friday of Lent. In view of this, and in response to several requests, I hereby grant on that day for all in the Diocese of Biloxi a dispensation from the Church’s law of abstinence, provided that some other act of penance is substituted. Here are a few examples:

- encouraging others to pursue the path of intentional discipleship,
- visiting someone who is ill or hospitalized,
- spending some additional time in prayer,
- providing a meal or service for someone who is in need, or
- depriving oneself of some other legitimate pleasure, such as a television show, etc.

Wishing each of you a Spirit-led journey that draws you closer to the Lord and prepares you to celebrate joyfully the Easter mystery.

Given at the Pastoral Center, March 1, 2023.

  
Most Reverend Louis F. Kihneman, III  
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