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DIOCESE OF GRAND FALLS

TO ALL PRIESTS AND PASTORAL LEADERS DIOCESE OF GRAND FALLS

DECREE TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF MASS INTENTIONS ASSIGNED TO WEEKDAY MASS

After consulting the Council of Pastoral Leaders, I decree that beginning February 6, 2023, only a single Mass Intention may be offered at Weekday Masses celebrated in the Diocese of Grand Falls.

The current policy regarding Sunday Masses remains the same.

If a Parish accumulates more Mass Intentions than can be offered within six months of the request, that parish shall send those unoffered Mass Intentions together with the Stipend to the Business Manager of the Diocese for distribution among: i) Parishes in the Diocese in need of Mass Intentions, ii) Retired Priests of the Diocese, and iii) the Missions.

If a priest celebrates more than a single Mass during a single weekday, he is entitled to the Stipend of the first Mass celebrated and must send the additional Stipend(s) to the Business Manager of the Diocese for the support of retired/convalescing priests.

Parishes are reminded of the obligation that one *Missa Pro Polulo* (Mass for the People) is to be celebrated in each parish on each Sunday (or Saturday Anticipated Mass). There is no Stipend for this Mass.

Given on Friday, January 27th, 2023, at Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland and Labrador.

Most Reverend R. Anthony Daniels

Bishop of Grand Falls