



CONGREGATIO DE CULTU DIVINO
ET DISCIPLINA SACRAMENTORUM

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Prot. n. [REDACTED]

November 13, 2020

Your Excellency,

Please find in attachment the formal response of this Congregation to [REDACTED] by which it rejected [REDACTED] recourse against your decision, in light of the coronavirus pandemic, to suspend reception of Holy Communion on the tongue at public Masses throughout the Diocese of Knoxville for the duration of the public health emergency.

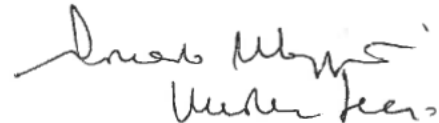
As had been enunciated in the circular letter of Card. Robert Sarah of August 15, 2020 (Prot. n. [REDACTED]), and approved for publication by His Holiness Pope Francis, "in times of difficulty (e.g., wars, pandemics), Bishops and Episcopal Conferences can give provisional norms which must be obeyed", even to the point, as in this case, to suspend for whatever time might be required, reception of Holy Communion on the tongue at the public celebration of the Holy Mass. For your convenience, the full text of this circular letter is also included in attachment.

With every good wish and kind regard, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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✠ Arthur Roche
Archbishop Secretary


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Enclosures

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