

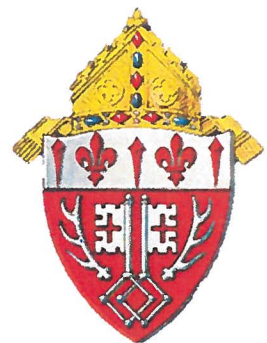
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# Mass Offering Policy

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*Diocese of Marquette*

*Administration & Finance*



*April 1, 2021*

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MASS OFFERING POLICY

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DECREE

**PROMULGATION OF THE MASS OFFERING POLICY**

Following a review of the Diocese of Marquette Mass Offering Policy, it was deemed opportune to update this policy.

**Therefore, in accord with canons 8 §2, 29, and 391 §1 I hereby decree and promulgate as particular law the Diocese of Marquette Mass Offering Policy.**

The former Diocese of Marquette Mass Offering Policy is hereby repealed and abrogated in accord with canon 20 §1.

Any policy or particular law of the Diocese of Marquette that is contrary to the Diocese of Marquette Mass Offering Policy is hereby repealed and abrogated.

The provisions of this decree shall become effective April 1, 2021.

Given at the chancery in Marquette, Michigan this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 2021.

Most Reverend John F. Doerfler, STD, JCL  
Bishop of Marquette

MaryAnn Bernier, Vice-Chancellor

## I. MASS OFFERING POLICY

On July 1, 1993, the new annual Salary Schedule for priests was implemented. Incorporated within the annual compensation was \$3,000 in lieu of Mass offerings. All Mass offerings, therefore, are to be put into the general fund of the parish or institution which pays the priest's salary. The offerings are temporarily restricted funds until the Mass offering has been satisfied.

There need not be a separate bank account for Mass offering. If a parish or institution chooses not to have a separate bank account, Mass offerings received would be deposited directly in the general bank account of the parish. Each parish or institution is to have a special book in which they note accurately the number of Masses to be celebrated, the intention, the offering given, and their celebration in accord with canon 958 §1.

If a parish chooses to have a separate bank account for Mass offerings, then there should be some procedure to transfer funds from the Mass account to the parish general account.

In accord with canons 953 and 957, Mass offerings that have not been satisfied after one year are to be sent to the Chancery. Any priest, whether in a parish or special diocesan work within the Diocese of Marquette, or a retired priest of the Diocese of Marquette, in need of Mass offerings may request them from Office of the Bishop.

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