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**Miseratione Divina et Apostolicae Sedis Gratia  
Archiepiscopus Milvaukiensis**

**DECREE**

The disciplinary practice of abstaining from meat on the Fridays in Lent is an important dimension of the penitential nature of the season. This year, the Feast of St. Patrick, March 17, 2017, falls on a Friday in Lent. Given the many celebrations that occur on this day and especially as we in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will be ordaining our two new auxiliary bishops, in accord with the norm of law, I herewith grant to all Catholics of the Archdiocese as well as all present here that day, a dispensation from abstinence from meat and meat products. I encourage all who make use of this dispensation to engage in another sacrificial or charitable act that day.

Given in Milwaukee, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2017.

**Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKI**  
Archbishop of Milwaukee