



DIOCESE OF JUNEAU, ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE TRIBUNAL

**DECREE OF DISPENSATION FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF ABSTINENCE FROM
MEAT ON FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017, THE MEMORIAL OF SAINT PATRICK**

The penitential practice of abstinence from the consumption of meat and meat products on the Fridays of Lent is an important part of Lenten observance in the Catholic Church. This year, the Memorial of Saint Patrick, March 17, 2017, falls on a Friday during Lent. Due to the custom of celebrating this day in the United States with such meals as corned beef and cabbage, I hereby grant to all Catholics of the Diocese of Juneau, as well as all Catholics who find themselves in the territory of our Diocese that day, a dispensation from abstinence from meat and meat products.

Given at Ketchikan, Alaska, on March 10, 2017.

Rev. Patrick J. Travers
Diocesan Administrator