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## **Instruction on Mass Offerings on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation**

A parish priest is bound on each Sunday and holyday of obligation to apply one Mass for the people entrusted to his care (Canon 534 §1). However, if the priest celebrates more than one Mass on a Sunday, such as in a situation where several parishes are entrusted to his care, the Mass for the people entrusted to him can be said at any one of the Masses that he celebrated on that day (Canon 534 §2). The priest can accept offering for this Mass and apply the Mass to the intention of the people in his care.

Misa pro populo (Mass for the people) cannot be delegated to a visiting priest or to an assistant priest, unless the pastor is impeded (Canon 534 §2) in which case, he is allowed to celebrate this Mass on another day (Canon 534 §3).

The Decree *Mos iugiter obtinuit* from the Vatican Congregation for the Clergy, (1991), permitted a single Mass to be celebrated with a “collective intention” on the following conditions:

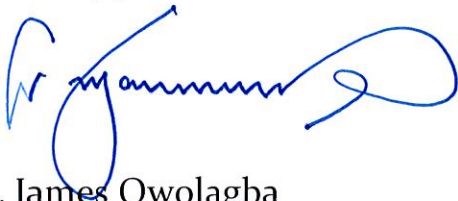
- It must be made explicitly clear to the donor beforehand that the offering is being combined into a single Mass offering and the donor must give free consent to this.
- The place, date and time for this Mass should be indicated publicly

and such Masses may not be celebrated any more than two days weekly in any church.

- The priest who celebrates Mass for a collective intention can only keep the offering for one intention and must transfer all additional amounts, in accordance with canon law, for the purposes prescribed by the Bishop. (In the Archdiocese of Regina, fulfilled Mass obligation offerings are sent to the chancery and are dedicated to the established pious foundation called: "Education of Seminarians Fund." Priests are to send fulfilled extra Mass obligations to this Fund).

Priests are allowed to keep all the offerings for the intentions of all the Masses they celebrated on Christmas Day (canon 951 §1).

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fr. James Owolagba', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Fr. James Owolagba  
Chancellor