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Memorandum

To: All Priests

From: Rev. M. J. Dobrzynski, director

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Date: 7/9/2010

Re: 2010-2011 Calendar Advisory regarding upcoming Solemnities

Just a reminder to repeat the information contained in last year's memorandum regarding these liturgies in 2003.

1. Solemnity of All Saints Day, on Monday, November 1, 2010 while remaining a solemnity, is NOT a holy day of obligation this year.
2. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.
3. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on Saturday, January 1, 2010 is NOT a holy day of obligation.

DIRECTIVES REGARDING OTHER LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS ON THESE SOLEMNITIES.

- Funeral Masses may be celebrated on this day.(GIRM, No. 380)
- Ritual Wedding Masses are forbidden on this day (GIRM, No. 372). However, the Mass of the day with the nuptial blessing may be celebrated. In addition, one of the readings may be changed (Rite of Marriage, No. 11). The Rite of Marriage outside Mass may also be celebrated.

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To instruct the faithful, The Northwest Indiana Catholic will be providing the following text in an upcoming issue:

*All Saints' Day will be a holy day for U.S. Catholics this year, but **not** a holy day of obligation. That is because this year November 1 falls on a Monday. In 1991 the U.S. bishops voted to lift the obligation of participating in Mass for U.S. Catholics on three specific holy days of obligation whenever those feasts occur on a Saturday or a Monday. The three are:*

- *The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, January 1.*
- *The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Aug. 15*
- *The Solemnity of All Saints, November 1.*

When those days fall on a Saturday or Monday, their liturgical celebration remains the same: They are among those major feasts in the liturgical calendar which are called solemnities.

The only difference is that the obligation to attend mass is lifted. Catholics are still invited and encouraged to celebrate those feasts by participating in mass.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception remains a holy day of obligation for U.S. Catholics , even though December 8 falls on a Monday this year.

When they approved the dispensation for the other three feasts, the bishops did not include the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the national patronal feast, in the list.