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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL PRIESTS, PASTORS, PARISH ADMINISTRATORS, & PARISH OFFICE STAFF.
FROM: CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
DATE: November 7, 2008
SUBJECT: CALENDAR ADVISORY FOR 2008-2009 – PLEASE SAVE

In accord with the provisions of canon 1246§2 of the Code of Canon Law, which states: “..the conference of bishops can abolish certain holy days of obligation or transfer them to a Sunday with prior approval of the Apostolic See. **The precept to attend Mass is abrogated whenever the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, January 1, the Assumption, or All Saints falls on a Saturday or Monday.**

Sunday is the day on which the paschal mystery is celebrated in light of the apostolic tradition and is to be observed as the foremost Holy Day of Obligation in the universal Church.

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops decrees that the **Holy Days of Obligation** to be **observed in the United States for the remainder of 2008-2009** are as follows:

1. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Monday, December 8, 2008)
2. Solemnity of Christmas (Thursday, December 25, 2008)
3. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1, 2009)
4. Solemnity of the Ascension (Transferred to Sunday, May 24, 2009)
5. Solemnity of the Assumption (Saturday, August 15, 2009)(abrogated because it falls on a Saturday)
6. Solemnity of All Saints (Sunday, November 1, 2009)
7. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Tuesday, December 8, 2009)
8. Solemnity of Christmas (Friday, December 25, 2009)

The Solemnity of the **Epiphany** shall be **transferred to the First Sunday following January 1st**.
The Solemnity of **Corpus Christi** shall be observed on the **Second Sunday following Pentecost**.

This is to inform you that Holy Hope Cemetery in Tucson, holds a Mass for the Repose of the Souls of all interred at this cemetery on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m.

All Souls Day, November 2nd, Masses will be celebrated at both cemeteries, Holy Hope and Our Lady of the Desert **beginning at 8:30 a.m.** Our Catholic Cemeteries also hold an annual Christmas Tree-Lighting & Mass. **Please contact them for current dates and times.** * **Memorial Masses are celebrated at both cemeteries at 8 a.m.** All are invited to participate in these Special Masses observed at our Catholic Cemeteries.

***Please save this advisory as your guide for observed Holy Days of Obligation & for special Mass observances at our cemeteries for the remainder of 2008 and all of 2009. Thank You!**