



## DIOCESE *of* LACROSSE

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

**MEMO: PRIESTS AND DEACONS OF DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE**

**RE: MORAL CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING COVID-19 VACCINES**

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Greetings Brothers:

Peace in proximity of Christmas joy!

Well, I believe that most of us have written letters to families and friends remarking about: "What a year it has been." So, we have consensus about that; we do, however, have some question about how to handle the healing process of COVID ravage. There are many questions regarding the safety and, moreover, the morality of the new vaccines.

Many different reports have been issued from Catholic sources regarding use of vaccines and their association with the murder of children through the sin of abortion. We are trying to provide as much clarity as possible so as not to confuse or mislead the People of God. Your responsibility as pastors of the faithful is, of course, to educate and lead them to authentic and clear truth in these extremely important matters.

To the best of my knowledge, as I have read through these reports, I have found the clearest synthesis of data to come from our own USCCB. It may be easiest to read over the data and synthesize it either in your bulletin or from the pulpit. A difficult choice with the Christmas holyday upon us. I trust that you will find a way to communicate the information in a pertinent manner.

Be assured of prayers and support. Give the people my blessing and greeting for the stunning Solemnity of Christmas! Merry Christmas.

<https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>

+William

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