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# Memo

To: Pastors and Parochial Administrators  
From: Uli Schmitt, Chancellor   
Date: May 22, 2023  
Subject: REMINDER: Vendors who Sell Merchandise after Masses on Sunday

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The policy of the bishop is to not endorse the access of vendors to parish grounds. The bishop has no objection to vendors but urges pastors to use prudence and practice vigilance in granting permission to have the parish grounds used for this purpose.

In deciding to grant permission to a particular vendor, pastors should consider:

- The justice of the cause for which the sale is being conducted
- Endorsement from a religious authority concerning the legitimacy of the enterprise
- Reliable evidence that the money is being spent properly

The Catholic community in the Diocese of Sacramento has generously contributed to many deserving appeals throughout the years. Pastors should always be careful and respectful stewards of this generosity.