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**CORONAVIRUS UPDATE FOR PASTORS
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Bishop DiMarzio has requested that the following information be provided today to all Pastors and Administrators so that it may be communicated to parishioners:

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked all Christians worldwide “to unite their voices toward heaven.”

In order to do this, he has asked all Christians and the heads of all Christian Churches and leaders of all Christian communities the world over to unite in prayer.

To do this, he invited all Christians to join in praying the Lord’s Prayer (the Our Father) at noon in Rome on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25th, 2020. This is 7 AM (Eastern Daylight Time).

This is the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord. The Holy Father stated, “On the day in which many Christians recall the annunciation to the Virgin Mary of the Incarnation of the Word, may the Lord hear the unanimous prayer of all his disciples who are preparing to celebrate the victory of the Risen Christ.”

On Friday, March 27 at 1 PM (Eastern Daylight Time) the Holy Father will offer prayers and an extraordinary “*Urbi et Orbi*” Blessing. The Holy Father stated, “I invite everyone to participate spiritually through the means of communication.”

Information and broadcast can be found at www.vaticannews.va