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Resources to remain spiritually close from a distance

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), has offered several resources to assist bishops and priests to continue to shepherd the faithful from a distance. The Conference has been collecting examples of how our community of faith has sought to remain with one another in prayer during these difficult times.

You may find the list here: <http://www.usccb.org/coronavirus>

The USCCB Public Affairs and Episcopal Resources teams are also working to develop new resources to help the faithful in our home prayer. These are being prepared for *Catholic Current*.

Those resources are here: <https://catholiccurrent.org/covid19/>

The Department of Communications at the USCCB has also begun discussions with media companies such as Facebook to offer training soon on low-tech, low-cost ways smaller parishes can share their private Masses and/or prayer services with those at home. Watch for further updates from the USCCB as those become available.

In addition to these resources from the USCCB, Catholic Extension is offering a short webinar on Friday, March 27 about livestreaming.

Live-Streaming Mass Made Simple

Friday, March 27

1 p.m. Central/Noon Mountain

Led by Kathryn Eardley, Digital Communications Manager at Catholic Extension

[Click here to register for this webinar](#)

Click the live link above to register. In addition to the online presentation, a call-in number will be provided when you register for attendees who are not able to join via computer.

Special prayer with the Holy Father March 27

The Holy See has requested that Churches be informed that all members of the faithful are invited to participate in the special prayer of the Holy Father taking place in Saint Peter's Square this **FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020**.

During this *Statio orbis*, which will be broadcast by Mondovision and streamed on the website of Vatican News (WWW.VATICANNEWS.VA) at **6 p.m. in Rome/12 NOON (CDT)**, the Holy Father will grant to all participants the Plenary Indulgence before imparting the *Urbi et Orbi* blessing.

This special *Urbi et Orbi* blessing will be tape-delay broadcast on EWTN at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. (CDT) on Friday, March 27 and again on Saturday, March 28 at 4 a.m. (CDT).

Please use all communication channels available to you to promote this invitation for prayer with Pope Francis. Here are some resources to do so or you can share from the Bismarck Diocese pages: [Resources page](#) on USCCB website (scroll to lower portion of page for social media graphics); USCCB [video](#); Catholic News Service [story](#) on plenary indulgences.