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MEMORANDUM

To: All Bishops

From: Reverend Monsignor J. Brian Bransfield, General Secretary *ABB*

Date: March 18, 2020

Subject: Priority Resources as Regards to COVID-19

Your Eminence / Your Excellency,

I take this opportunity to convey to you the attached memorandum from Mr. James Rogers, Chief Communications Officer, by which he conveys the priority resources for your consideration and use. I am grateful to James and the entire team at the USCCB for their work in this regard.

Thank you for your thoughtful attention to this memorandum.



Department of Communications

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DATE: 18 March 2020
TO: All Bishops
FROM: James L. Rogers, Chief Communications Officer 
RE: Resources to Support the Virtual Prayer of the Church

Your Eminence / Your Excellency

Through the good leadership of our shepherds, the Church is experiencing the remarkable grace of spiritual closeness from a distance. To the extent you may find it helpful, 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>

In the days ahead, we will update this page as we find and you share additional resources. Our Public Affairs and Episcopal Resources teams are partnering also with the Office of Divine Worship, the Office of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, and other Conference colleagues 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/>

Additionally, we have begun discussions with media companies such as Facebook to offer training in the near future on low-tech, low-cost ways smaller parishes can share their private Masses and/or prayer services with those at home. As these develop, we will keep you updated. And as you have suggestions for us, please send those to jrogers@usccb.org.

Thank you for your kind attention to this memo. Be well.