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MEMORANDUM

To: All Bishops

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

Date: March 25, 2020

Subject: PRIORITY Communication from the Apostolic Nunciature

Your Eminence, Your Excellency,

Thank you for the occasion to convey to you that the Office of the General Secretary has received communication from Most Reverend Christoph Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio, that the Secretariat of State of the Holy See has requested that all local Churches be informed that all members of the faithful and other Christians are invited to participate in the special prayer of the Holy Father taking place in Saint Peter's Square this **FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020**.

The Apostolic Nunciature further conveys that during this *Statio orbis*, which will be broadcast by Mondovision and streamed on the website of Vatican News (WWW.VATICANNEWS.VA) **at 6:00 P.M. in Rome, 1:00 P.M. (EDT)**, the Holy Father will grant to all participants the Plenary Indulgence before imparting the *Urbi et Orbi* Blessing.

The Apostolic Nunciature has requested the assistance of the Conference in promoting this event through all means, especially social communications. I ask that you and your communications teams consult and scroll all of the Conference social media channels ([Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#)) and Catholic News Service to amplify the content there regarding this event as a means to promote and advance this invitation.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this memorandum.