

## **URGENT.**

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Dear Canon Thomas,

In order to offer intercession and consolation during this time of exceptional discomfort, the Holy Father will preside over a time of prayer and Eucharistic Adoration in Saint Peter's Square, without a congregation of the lay faithful, on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 5pm, London time.

This Statio orbis will be broadcast on mondovision and streamed by Vatican News.

During this time of prayer Pope Francis will impart the Urbi et Orbi Blessing and will also concede a Plenary Indulgence to all those persons who participate in these prayers via the communications media.

In the absence of an Apostolic Nuncio and as instructed, I would suggest that all the local Churches, through the available means of communication, convey to the Catholic faithful and to all believers in Christ, this invitation to join the Holy Father and to pray with him on this occasion.

With sincere gratitude for your attention and for your always thoughtful collaboration, I remain

Yours sincerely in the Lord

Monsignor Matteo De Mori

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