March 26, 2020

My dear parishioners,

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb. 13:8)!

Pope Francis has invited the faithful to participate in a special prayer taking place in Saint Peter’s Square this Friday, March 27, 2020. The Statio Orbis will be broadcast by Mondovision and on the website of Vatican News (www.vaticannews.va) at 6:00 p.m. in Rome; 11:00 a.m. MDT. We will provide the link on our Facebook page (Annunciation Parish ABQ). The Holy Father will grant all those who participate in the prayer a Plenary Indulgence before imparting the Urbi et Orbi Blessing.

An Indulgence is defined in the Code of Canon Law (Can.992) as “the remission before God of the temporal punishment due for sins already forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions.” Vatican.va describes the conditions as follows; “A plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day. In order to obtain it, the faithful must, in addition to being in a state of grace:

- Have a spirit detached from sin.
- Have recently confessed their sins.
- Received the Holy Eucharist.
- Pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

Indulgences can always be applied either to oneself or the souls of the deceased, but they cannot be applied to others living on earth. “

I invite all our parishioners to participate in this prayer and opportunity to receive the gift of the plenary indulgence. We continue in the grace of God; may the peace of the Lord be with you always as I remain,

Yours in Christ.

Monsignor Bennett J. Voorhies,
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