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Your Eminence,  
Your Excellency,

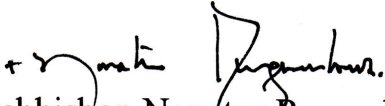
The Holy See has informed us that tomorrow, March 27, 2020 at 18hrs.00, Rome Time, the Holy Father will lead a Prayer from the Balcony of Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, which will be transmitted by "Mondovisione" and the "Vatican News". Starting with a meditation on the Word of God and the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Pope Francis will confer the Plenary Indulgence and the "Urbi et Orbi" Blessing.

Therefore, you are requested to employ all possible means of social communication to invite all Catholics and all Christians of other denominations to participate in this prayer initiative of the Successor of Peter so that, together, we can implore God's mercy upon all mankind afflicted by the coronavirus pandemic.

May I assure you of the prayers of this Papal Representation for you and for your diocese during this moment of suffering and uncertainty, so that our hope may firmly be in the Lord through the intercession of the Blessed Mother of God and of all the Saints.

With assurances of my best wishes and prayerful communion, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa  
Apostolic Nuncio

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