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PRESS RELEASE

Through the direction of Pope Francis, Bishop Walker Nickless invites all Christians to pray at noon on March 25. This day is significant as it marks the day when many Christians commemorate the annunciation of the angel Gabriel to Mary with the announcement that she would be the mother of the Son of God.

“I invite all the heads of churches and the leaders of all the Christian communities, together with all the Christians of the various confessions, to invoke the Most High, Almighty God, reciting contemporaneously the prayer that Jesus Our Lord taught us. I invite all, therefore, to do so several times a day, but, all together, to recite the Our Father Wednesday, March 25, at midday – all together,” Pope Francis declared.

Bishop Nickless said he is hopeful all Christians will join in prayer tomorrow at noon, as well as in continuous prayer during this extremely difficult time.

During this critical time of spread of the COVID-19, the Diocese of Sioux City has created a webpage: <https://sdiocese.org/coronavirus> with several resources for parishioners, pastors, and anyone who will find the information useful. Many of the online Masses being offered throughout the diocese are listed, as well as other resources for prayer, and messages in English and Spanish from Bishop Nickless.

The mandates issued by Bishop Nickless are also available on the website in English and Spanish. The page will be updated periodically in this rapidly changing environment.