

## DIOCESE OF FARIDABAD Syro-Malabar Catholic Church

## A SPECIAL URBI ET ORBI BLESSING BY THE POPE IN THE CORONA CONTEXT

Dear All,

The other day Holy Father Pope Francis called for a united prayer for the protection against "Corona" all over the world, to be conducted on 25th March, Feast of Annunciation (tomorrow). That day at 4:30 p.m, all Christians all over the world are asked to pray 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and 1 Glory be to the Father.

In our diocese, if possible, all the priests may please open the tabernacle and do this before the Holy Eucharist at the same time. The religious communities also may do so. At the level of the Family Units, all the family members, if possible, light a candle in the prayer room and join this universal prayer.

On the same day at 10:30 pm (Roman time 6:00 p.m.) Pope Francis will expose the Holy Eucharist at St. Peters Square in Rome and implore the protection of the Lord for the whole world. All our priests, religious and families are invited to join this adoration. Our priests can do so before the Tabernacle. I will be joining this special blessing and pray for our diocese and country before the Tabernacle.

Thanking you for your kind attention,

Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara

NB. Urbi et Orbi (means for the City and the world), Blessing is usually what the Pope imparts to the whole world on Christmas and Easter day from St. Peters Basilica in Rome