

Together in Christ: CNS Responds to the Coronavirus

At a time when society is reeling from the Coronavirus pandemic, the Church and its media – print, web, social, radio and television – are helping its people face this unprecedented challenge. The Holy Father together with the Bishops are calmly taking the necessary steps to prevent the contagion’s spread while at the same time bolstering spirits and praying for those who are most in need of care.

Catholic News Service is covering all aspects of the crisis, and we will continue to do so for as long as needed. What follows are a selection of stories from this week meant to inform, inspire and reassure.

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<https://cnstopstories.com/2020/03/25/ethicists-lawyers-see-dangers-in-rationing-of-scarce-health-resources/> Catholic ethicists warn that “Decisions regarding the critical care of patients during the current crisis must not discriminate on the basis of disability or age.”

<https://cnstopstories.com/2020/03/25/vatican-asks-bishops-to-help-faithful-celebrate-holy-week-easter-at-home/> The Vatican has asked Catholic bishops around the world to provide their faithful with resources to support personal and family prayer during Holy Week and at Easter.

<https://cnstopstories.com/2020/03/25/gospel-of-life-needed-now-more-than-ever-pope-says/>

Defending life is not an abstract concept but a duty for all Christians and it means protecting the unborn, the poor, the sick, the unemployed and migrants, Pope Francis said.

<https://cnstopstories.com/2020/03/24/religious-find-inventive-techniques-of-caring-for-community-in-isolation/> As people self-isolate and retreat from daily life amid the COVID-19 pandemic, priests and women religious have become beacons of hope globally as they mobilize in unconventional ways.

<https://cnstopstories.com/2020/03/23/every-man-for-himself-is-not-a-solution-to-pandemic-pope-says/> As more and more countries start to feel the economic pinch due to the coronavirus pandemic, Pope Francis urged business leaders to seek solutions that will not hurt employees and their families.

<https://cnstopstories.com/2020/03/20/if-you-cant-go-to-confession-take-your-sorrow-directly-to-god-pope-says/> People who cannot get to confession because of the coronavirus lockdown or another serious reason can go to God directly, be specific about their sins, request pardon and experience God's loving forgiveness, Pope Francis said.