

MEMORANDUM

TO: Priests, Deacons, Members of Religious Communities, Blanchette Catholic Center Staff
FROM: Bishop Richard E. Pates
DATE: May 8, 2020
RE: Day of prayer, fasting and works of charity

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Cardinal Miguel Ángel Ayuso Guixot, MCCJ, President of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, inviting believers of all religions and people of goodwill to spiritually unite themselves in a day of prayer, fasting and works of charity, to help humanity in overcoming the pandemic caused by coronavirus.

The Day designated to do so is **Thursday, May 14, 2020**. The action envisioned is individual in nature. The initiative was begun by the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity and endorsed by His Holiness, Pope Francis.

As we have clearly witnessed, the coronavirus (COVID-19) is indiscriminate – all in the human family, all God's children, are vulnerable to it. This unity of prayer, fasting and works of charity of all people throughout the world is most appropriate. I join the Holy Father in encouraging your participation.