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U.S. Catholic Church Goes Mobile With New App

(NAPSA)—The nation’s 75 million Catholics—and anyone looking for inspiration, religious news, scripture readings or updates on Pope Francis—can now get the very best of the Catholic Church every day on all screens and devices.

The leadership of the Catholic Church in the U.S. has introduced its first mobile app. It’s the only one that brings together information from all Catholic sources—parishes, dioceses, the U.S. bishops and even the Vatican.

“This is the most comprehensive virtual connection to the Catholic faith available,” explains Bishop Christopher Coyne, chair elect of the Committee on Communications of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, which created the app. “We understand many people are looking for more ways to connect with the Church and incorporate Catholic living into their busy lives—that’s exactly what this app is designed to do.”

What It Does

The app lets users:

- Follow the Pope: Get the latest news about and communications from Pope Francis via audio, video, photos and live streaming, in partnership with Catholic News Service.

- Get Inspiration: View daily readings for spiritual guidance and comfort.

- Access other features, including the ability to make mobile donations, receive news alerts and share content via social media.

- Stay in Contact: Dioceses and parishes have individual pages



It may not look much like a cathedral, but your mobile device can put the Catholic Church in the palm of your hands.

with Mass and confession times, homilies, events, blog posts, videos, bulletins and more.

- Find a Parish: A Church Finder tool locates parishes and dioceses by city, state or ZIP code, which can be used at home or when traveling to locate local parishes.

Although most parishes have a website, very few have a mobile app. The Catholic Church App provides a mobile-friendly solution where parishioners can access the latest Catholic news, including from their parish, on the go.

“We like to say it’s a whole wide world of faith in the palm of your hands,” added Coyne. “It’s an easy way to stay connected with the Church at large.”

How To Get It

Features on this new app will be phased in over the next few months. The Catholic Church App is available in English and Spanish, and free to download at Google Play and Apple iTunes. For more information about the app, go to www.USACatholic.church.