

## **Last Minute Information on the Timing of the Easter Sunday Mass and the Message & Blessing “Urbi et Orbi”**

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- The Eurovision broadcast and international feeds (via Intelsat and “PanAmSat” with Vatican audio guides in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese) will begin as scheduled at 08:25 GMT (10:25 Rome time) with the usual Eurovision logo appearing right after the video goes to black for ten seconds. The actual celebration begins at 08:30 GMT (10:30 Rome time).
- At the end of the Mass, around 09:50 GMT, the Holy Father will leave St. Peter’s Square to go up to the central loggia of the Basilica where he will give his Easter message and blessing “to the city and the world” (“urbi et orbi”). He is scheduled to begin his address just after 10:00 GMT (12:00 Rome time). **During this interval time, there will be no break in the international feeds.** Wide shots and close-ups of St. Peter’s Square will be shown. Therefore, for those networks broadcasting only the Urbi et Orbi, know that there will be no fading to black or interruption in the telecast to mark this part of the ceremonies.
- After the Pope has left the loggia (following the message, greetings and blessing), the international feed will end **FIVE** minutes later with wide shots of St. Peter’s Square. The Vatican audio guides may sign off earlier, but the audio/video will continue up to the five minute cushion for signoff.
- If necessary, the broadcast will be extended until the ceremonies have concluded, but it is very doubtful this will be necessary.
- Happy Easter!