

German Catholics and Protestants create online worship listings

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Berlin (ENInews)--As Palm Sunday and Holy Week get closer, Catholics and Protestants are cooperating on a new website that allows German Christians to find their nearest church service, anywhere in the country, any day of the year.

"The dates of worship services -- including rosary devotions, children's worship, Taizé prayer, Eucharist and Passion services -- can be accessed with a mouse click by Internet users," the Catholic Bishops Conference and the Council of the Protestant Church in Germany, who are backing the project, said in a statement.

Church communities across the country and of all denominations are being encouraged to log in and add details of their services to the database, which provides maps and photos and can be accessed from smartphones by worshippers on the move.

The faithful can also filter the search by language, bringing up only services in German, English, French, Spanish, Italian, Polish, Croatian, Latin, Dutch, Russian or even sign language.

The project was inspired by similar websites that have provided extensive listings for Christmas and Easter services since the year 2000. Last Christmas, more than 50,000 services registered on the site.