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Dear friends in Christ,

During this time of great uncertainty, I want to let you know that you are in my prayers. I pray that you and your family remain safe and at peace as we deal with the unprecedented situation with Coronavirus and COVID-19.

It is heartbreaking for all of us, to suspend the public celebration of Mass and other activities in parishes. However, there is solace in the fact that our priests continue to celebrate the Mass and we can be in spiritual union with them. It also warms my heart to see social media flooded with priests and parishes streaming and posting the celebration of their private Mass.

Like you, my family is struggling with the new normal. With four kids home from school navigating online learning and two parents who work, coronavirus is touching virtually every aspect of our lives. One of the most significant is the separation from our parish community.

Even though we cannot be together, I ask you to continue supporting your parish. With Mass cancelled, parishes will be struggling to pay for ongoing bills. Just like our home budget, the bills for utilities, insurance, and other operations will continue.

If you are financially able, please support your parish.

Please take the time to visit your parish's website to sign up for online giving if it is available or mail your weekly contribution directly to your parish.

Without a weekly offering, I am fearful of how our Parishes and the ministries they provide will survive. God will no doubt provide, but He still needs us to do our part!

As our priests continue to celebrate the Mass, and as they pray for us, let's continue to pray and fully support them as much as we can as well.

This will pass and our places of worship will get through this too when we come together with support.

Thank you, and may God Bless you and your family.

Yours in Christ,

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