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My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Good Afternoon,

How are you doing? We have been separated now for a very long five months and I hope you had a chance for some restful time off. For all of us, this summer has been very different from all others and for some it has been very difficult.

Personally, I look forward each week to saying Mass with your presence in the courtyard or live streamed directly to your homes. Through the wonders of modern technology and the blessings of good weather, we can still share our 8:10 am weekday and our weekend Masses (from the courtyard at 5:30 pm Saturday and Sunday morning at 7:30 am, 9:00, and live streamed at 11:00 am). It is truly my honor and joy to bring you Holy Communion each Sunday at 12:30 pm through our drive by Communion Service.

Despite having new protocols to follow, I feel blessed that we can hear Confessions, offer Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Weddings and Funerals and all from our cherished St. Bede property. Honestly, the only uncomfortable thing is the social distancing which limits our fellowship and our sharing of faith. Just one more example is with the start of school and distance learning, our students are unable to share their fun and learning experiences with friends. Therefore, we will hope and pray for a safe return to normal sometime soon for all.

Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers every day. And may I now ask you to do me a favor. Pray every day to God to stop this pandemic and to bring us together in fellowship so that we can enjoy each other as we have in the past. Besides praying directly to God, I ask that you also pray one Hail Mary every day to the Blessed Virgin Mary, a very powerful intercessor to God. Let us now keep hope for the future; trust in God and not despair. We are in this together and with God in our corner we will be OK. God bless you and all who are dear to you.

Yours in Christ,

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