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Don't wear a mask!

Startling plea, isn't it? But, read the entire message before making a judgement about whether your pastor has completely lost his priestly mind, due to being living in an extended quarantine!

Certainly, to wear a protective mask whenever we are outside of our home and wherever we go is absolutely the right thing to do now. Don't leave home without one! Each of us must protect ourselves from the damage that can be done to us, by the dreaded virus COVID-19.

However, now is not the time to "wear a mask" if you profess to be a believer in God! Be a fervent person of faith! Avoid hiding behind a spirit of indifference and reluctance to stand up for your belief in God, if you are in the midst of others demeaning Him.

Please kindly reflect on the following quote from Rick Warren, on the subject. "Wearing a mask wears you out. Faking it is fatiguing. The most exhausting activity is pretending to be what you know you are not."

For all of us at this point in human history, a mask is worn to protect. But, a mask ought not to be worn to hide your truest self, a Catholic Christian possessing a firm belief in God. Take off the mask, if you are habitually hiding behind one.

Don't cover the beauty of who you are. Blessed being created in the image and likeness of God!

Peace

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