



# Pastor's Message

May 6, 2020

Yesterday, Pope Francis during his homily said, “Today, we pray for the deceased who have died because of the pandemic. They have died alone without the caresses of their loved ones. So many did not even have a funeral. May the Lord welcome them in His glory.”

It is sad, but true. There have been too many who “have died alone without the caresses of their loved ones.” I know of at least a few. Maybe, you do too.

And, possibly equally as sad, too many that have died alone, “did not even have a funeral.” I know that happened for more than a few of our very recently deceased brothers and sisters, whether they passed either due to being a victim of the coronavirus or another cause. Maybe, you do too.

Considering the said truths of such unfortunate circumstances of our present situation as mentioned by our pope, give the following some thought.

- It is probable more will become ill and die due to the pandemic today and for a number of tomorrows. Pray, somehow and someway, while they are leaving their earthly life to be born to eternal life, alone they will not be.
- “Caress” your loved ones while he/she is in good health and very much with you. Love them.
- If you can, support the families who have experienced a most recent death of a family member or friend, but could not have realized the closure needed by having a funeral mass for their beloved. How? A card, a call or an email message may be a small gesture. But, it surely will go a long way in the memory of the person in mourning. As it was written, “Maybe I can’t stop the downpour, but I will always join you for a walk in the rain.”

May God bless you and all of yours, with good health and be safe.

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