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Dear Brothers and sisters,

In the spirit of transparency, I would like to update you on the situation concerning the Corona-virus as it has impacted both Fr. John and me. As you already have been informed, Fr. John tested positive and subjected to a 14-day quarantine which he completed on Friday night - October 16th. Out of an abundance of caution, he did not celebrate any Masses this past weekend. Fr. John did not experience any symptoms over the past two weeks and continues to feel well. Everyone who had to be tested as a result of contact with him has tested negative.

As you were informed the prior weekend, I was tested on October 9th and ordered into a 14-day quarantine as a result of coming into contact with Fr. John. To date, I have not received any information regarding the results of my test. Inasmuch as Fr. John received a telephone call informing him of his positive results, I am assuming that I tested negative as did all the others with whom Fr. John interacted on that Monday - October 5th. My quarantine will be completed on Tuesday morning - October 20th. A quarantine that would have been the same length even if I had tested positive. I, too have experienced no symptoms and am feeling well, except for the fact that I have been cooped up for two weeks.

Chester County Health Department texts me every day to make sure I do not have any symptoms, and I have dutifully responded "No." On some level, I am grateful that the Good Lord forced me to put the brakes on in the midst of all this and give me the opportunity to re-focus my attention on what is most important ... Him and how everything is in relation to Him.

Fr. John and I are most grateful for your prayers, kind words and concern. We are truly blessed to be a part of this wonderful community and to be among you in our priestly ministry. **Remember: In the midst of all this ... salvation still takes place, because God is with us!**

Thank you and God Bless you.

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