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Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope that you and your families are all keeping healthy. It's very disappointing that we all cannot get together as usual at this time.

The continuing increase in the spread of COVID-19 (the new coronavirus) has concerned us all. It is important for each of us to be well-informed in order that we can take appropriate precautions and also that we respond as faithful and caring Christians. We need to support each other.

It would be a good idea to arrange a buddy system with a friend or neighbour so that if either of you need food or other supplies, you have someone who could get the things you need. A good plan might be to leave the goods at the person's door and then phone to say that it's there.

We are all experiencing a great deal of anxiety about the unknown. But together, we will help each other get through this stressful period.

For our continued safety, any gatherings of people in our city (and others) have been postponed. This includes our daily and weekend Mass – as of now, until Palm Sunday, April 5th. We will continue to monitor the situation as it develops, and we will communicate with you further as necessary.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our parishioners for taking this threat to our health seriously. Please continue to pray for our parishioners, city, province, country, and for all the world.

A heartfelt thank you to those parishioners who are keeping up with their financial support. This can be done online, or by slipping your envelope offering through the mail slot at the office door (after wrapping your donation envelope in plain paper or newspaper). St. Gerard's parish certainly needs your continued support in order to stay afloat.

Let's pray that this pandemic ends quickly, and let's also pray they find a vaccine that will help put an end to this. That will be an important part of my daily prayer for all of us.

Meanwhile, every blessing to each of you. Stay healthy, and let's hope we can all meet again in person soon.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Ignatius Tran