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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus Christ is Risen from the Dead!

This is the proclamation of the Church during this Easter time; it is the proclamation of our lives each day. He is our hope and our foundation.

I give thanks to each of you for your love of the Eucharist, the Easter Sacrament, and your support to your parish priests. I am also grateful for your patience over the past six weeks.

I write to you today with the news that we will restart public masses on the weekend May 9-10, 2020. This will give your pastors time to meet the safety guidelines proposed by our State and local officials. I encourage you to work with your pastor in creating a safe environment for all. Let us come together as a community and work in unity for the good of everyone.

Guidelines have been prepared for the parishes to follow in order for us to come back together in community. Protecting each other from the Coronavirus remains of utmost importance. We must keep in mind that opening the churches for masses and the other sacraments does not signal the “end” of this contagious pandemic. Everyone’s vigilance with proper distancing, hygiene, and other measures is necessary whenever we gather.

Coming together for Mass is by nature a communal event. It is our moment “together” with the Risen Savior. I continually bear in mind the urging of St. Paul to the Church in Philippi: “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus...” (Philippians 2:3-5). Let us take care of one another in this worthy moment when we regain our place at the Lord’s Altar of Sacrifice.

Thank you again for your faithful presence during this critical time and your ongoing love for Christ and his Body, the Church. Please know that I am close to you with my prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

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