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Dear Parishioners,

Glory to Jesus Christ! I trust that you are keeping well during these most difficult days! I believe that at times of great tragedy and adversity, opportunities present themselves to us in which our faith and dependence upon the Lord Jesus can increase. I believe that the Lord can turn any tragedy into blessing: "We know that all things work for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." (Rm 8:28)

Yesterday, Archbishop Etienne announced that all Masses throughout the Archdiocese, daily and weekend, are to be canceled until further notice. This comes as a response to the growing threat of the coronavirus in our efforts to keep it from spreading, especially in light of Governor Jay Inslee's proclamation this week. I know that this is very stressful information for all of us, most especially me. We all hope that you understand how important it is for all of us to take measures to protect ourselves and all those in our community who are vulnerable.

I believe that this time of spiritual fasting can be a time for us to grow in our relationship with the Lord, albeit in a different and more remote way. Our Perpetual Adoration chapel will remain open as well as our church during the day. Please come and pray for everyone affected by this pandemic. I would also ask you to consider making your regular donations (especially by registering for online giving via our website) as we do rely upon your generous giving in order to keep our daily operations open and running smoothly. In conclusion, I would ask each of us to consider praying this beautiful spiritual communion regularly throughout this most difficult time.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Holy Eucharist. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.

Sincerely,

Rev. Cal Christiansen

Pastor, St. Pius X Catholic Church