

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to thank all of you who have sent words of comfort and support for our family during this time of the death of our father. Thank you for all the cards and letters and gifts. What a great blessing our church family is at times like these. May God bless all of you for your goodness to us and may God reward you for your thoughtfulness.

Most of you have seen information regarding the rosary and funeral Mass for our father. I want to let all of you know that during this time it may be very difficult to seat everyone who might wish to attend. I would encourage you to think of your health and safety first. It might be advisable that you be with us in spirit and avoid coming to the public services. We totally understand and will not be offended if you are unable to attend. We know that you are all with us.

My father is home! That is what matters most. We need to pray for the repose of his soul because that is what we wish for our deceased loved ones, that they be at rest and at peace. You will hear bits and pieces of my father's life as I preach to you at the Sunday Masses. He is at rest and in the mercy of God's love and presence. He is with the Blessed Mother to whom he was deeply devoted. He is with our family, especially my mother whom he longed for all these years since her passing. Thank you for your prayers for all of us. God bless all of you.