Dear Members of St. Mary,

For years now I've been a fan and subscriber of the Pandora music app. Each morning as I'm getting dressed, I listen to a variety of music off my playlist. And since Pandora "randomizes" according to my previous likes, I never know what will play next.

This morning I heard a beautiful piano rendition of *Abide with Me*. I of course was singing along. The next song was from the Canadian Tenors: *Lean on Me*. We've all heard that song many times before, but today it really took on a religious tone for me. I imagined Jesus singing those words to us, **Lean on me when you're in trouble... I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on.**

In these days we need the help of Jesus, our Savior and Lord, to give us the courage and the faith we need to carry on. Take some time today just to feel the presence and love of Jesus for you. Spend some time with Him and experience his peace and calm.

And remember the words of Pope Francis last week during his blessing of the City and the World: "We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other."

Call a family member, a neighbor, a friend. Just say HELLO. Let those people know that they are remembered and loved, by you AND by Jesus. And may the peace of the Lord be with you always!

Father Fred