

## Dearly Beloved Sisters and Brothers:

## "Peace be with you"

Thank you for your phone calls, emails, photos, offers of food and help. I am comforted by your thoughtfulness and care. I miss you. I offer Mass for your intentions every day. The one sanctuary lamp near the tabernacle burns perpetually for the glory of God, perfectly and truly present in the Holy Eucharist. The second sanctuary lamp burns for you, near to Him, until we are reunited at His altar.

As you pray in your homes, in union with the Mass, intentionally receiving Our Lord in spiritual Holy Communion, I offer a few suggestions:

- 1. Turn towards our parish church and the tabernacle, therein, when you pray.
- 2. See the Archdiocesan website regarding the Holy Father's teaching about the Act of Contrition and the forgiveness of sins, until you are permitted the grace of Sacramental Confession.
- 3. Daily convey your family, the parish, the Church, and the entire world to the intercession of Our Mother, Our Lady of Lourdes.
- 4. When you view Holy Mass on screens, give your full attention, dress as you would for Mass in the church, participate in the responses and reverently observe the usual gestures of worship sitting, standing and kneeling.

There is a second letter from me about the parish, Archdiocesan, and world-wide matters. I hope it will answer some of your questions in this unusual time. I am well; peaceful and filled with trust. Please do not worry about me. I am His. I appreciate your concern. I will write to you again soon, as the great days of Holy Week and Easter approach.

Here is one of my favourite prayers;

"Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you. All things are passing. God, alone, never changes. Patience gains all things. With God, you will want for nothing."

~ St. Teresa of Avila

Sincerely yours,

Father J.J. Brennan