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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

May the peace of the Lord be with you all.

I am sure that you are all aware of the order of Governor J.B. Pritzker asking all Illinois residents to stay at home. This is indeed a very dire situation for everyone. The state-wide impact of this order can only be imagined. At times like this, our love for each other should be reinforced in the many ways that we look out for our neighbors. Please make a note to check and see if you can assist the elderly people and those most affected at this time. It goes without saying that we should all take every necessary precaution to limit the spread of this virus.

I know these restrictions make it impossible for us to gather for the Eucharist or other liturgical services. During this time, we will do our best to provide you with the several spiritual resources that will enable you to pray from your home. To this end, Father Evaristus and I have decided to provide a live stream of the **Eucharist daily at 9:00 a.m.** For the weekend Masses, we will live stream on **Saturdays (5:00 p.m.)** and **Sundays (10:00 a.m.)**. We are currently using **Facebook Live** for the broadcast. These times will be posted on the parish website, the parish app, and our other social media handles. There will be a link that can be clicked on for the broadcasts. Incidentally, some of you may have chosen to give up social media for Lent! On a lighter note, this might be one of those times when a person can break a Lenten observance. We will inform you of any changes when they occur.

Some people may also be wondering about the Sacraments: **First Communion and Confirmation**. It is safe that these have been postponed till future dates. When a decision is made about rescheduling the sacraments, you will be duly notified. I thank you all for your patience and understanding in these trying times. Please know that all the measures that have been put in place are for our safety and protection. May the Lord continue to protect and guide us. Peace be with you all.

Sincerely,

Father Osang Idagbo, C.M.
Pastor