

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As we hunker down in our homes to fight off and mitigate and suppress the COVID-19 scourge, let us all be united through prayer ‘in spirit and truth’; (third Sunday of Lent, Jn: 4:23-24). Social distancing means social isolation to a great extent; however, everyone should try to stay socially connected through other means, such as phone, texting, email, social networking sites etc., so that we don’t get into social isolation. Kindly make a point of checking in on your neighbor in your block, neighborhood or community so no one gets cut off. Please bring their needs to the attention of our volunteers in the KoC and our Lady warriors.

Meanwhile, please adhere to the guidelines and warnings from the proper authorities and experts and also teach the children to do so. Don’t take these things lightly.

At the same time, social distancing and disconnection should not in any way lead to spiritual disconnection. In fact this is the time when we should try our best to be spiritually connected- with God and our neighbor. As I mentioned in the previous email, this is our *wilderness experience* wherein we have the chance for a close encounter with God through the Spirit, to get renewed and recharged, to be replenished with spiritual energy and power, to ride out the storms of life.

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