My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is not an overstatement to write that we are experiencing an Easter Sunday like no other in our memories. Until now, neither natural disasters, wars or other calamities have prevented us from gathering as a family to celebrate the Greatest Story ever told. This Resurrection Sunday is different in so many ways: no crowded parking lots and standing room only for Mass. No large Easter Sunday dinners with family and friends. Everything is so strangely different; many of us are overwhelmed by the uncertainties that the health crisis has created in our lives.

But something else is occurring during this period of crisis. Many of us have a desire to reach out to each other. Daily, I am receiving calls, emails and texts from parishioners asking if they can help those who are in need of support. I believe that our longing to be present for each other is rooted in how we were created. As St. Paul writes: “God made us incomplete, we find our completeness in Him and one another.”

Ironically, the truth that Jesus came to reveal to us by his life, death and resurrection is more deeply appreciated by us in times of trouble:

Love the Lord our God  
With all our heart  
With all our soul  
With all our mind and with all our strength.  
And, to love our neighbor as we love ourself.

While we regret the suffering that our human family is experiencing because of the coronavirus, let us find hope and comfort in the clarity that this time of tribulation offers us. We truly are one human family, created by our God to love each other as sisters and brothers.

Happy Easter!

Love,

Fr. Leo, Fr. Basil, Deacon Perry, Michael, Joe, Claire,  
Ann, Lori, Rebecca, Catherine, Vince, Karyn, Gail & Judy