

March 15, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope that everyone is staying warm and well fed during these days of concern for staying healthy. I myself have felt under the weather these past several days but it is nothing respiratory. Even though the recent cancellations of events and school activities might be an inconvenience to us in numerous ways, the good that can come from it is for us to intentionally rest and enjoy being alive, and in this, sense God's delight for us. Lent is a call from the Lord Jesus for us to rest in Him; to be emptied of the world. The Church is calling us to rest and now so is the world. Let's rejoice in this time to slow down.

I have been gone for a couple of weekends this past month. I would like to thank everyone who helps keep things going when I am not here. I was not on vacation but was accompanying a Women's Cursillo Weekend and then later a Men's Cursillo Weekend. I have been involved with others in the renewal of the Cursillo movement in our diocese since 2013. "Cursillo" means: "short course." Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. It helps a group of men or women to experience Jesus like the Apostles did by being away with Him for a while. It is not a retreat. It is more like a joyful gathering or pilgrimage in Christ- with friends. Cursillos go from Thursday night until Sunday afternoon. For the past several years, all of the weekends have been at the Saint Felix Catholic Center in Huntington, IN. If you would like to live a Cursillo weekend, please talk to myself, Monica Aquila, or check out: fwsbcursillo.com. I look forward to our parish members enjoying the Cursillos for years to come.

May the Lord Jesus burst forth many ways for us in our parish and the wider Fort Wayne area to encounter and be renewed in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus your Son, send forth your Holy Spirit- and renew the world!

Peace and Joy,

Fr. Drew