

Quotation from part of B-Circular from the Chief Apostle to the Apostles 19th March 2020

Dear Officiant,

Please kindly read this letter after reading the Bible Text in the Transmission divine services on Sundays 22nd and 29th, 2020.

Dear brothers and Sisters,

Almost everywhere in the world, divine service can no longer take place normally due to the coronavirus pandemic. Gatherings, and sometimes even trips, are prohibited. Many District Apostles could made it possible for the faithful to attend, from their home, the transmission of a divine service conducted in compliance with the rules decreed by the authorities.

These divine services are conducted following the normal liturgy but without the celebration of Holy Communion. It would be inappropriate for a few faithful to celebrate Holy Communion, while the thousands who attend the service from home are deprived of it.

I know that many of the faithful suffer from being denied Holy Communion until the end of this pandemic. I share their suffering, being myself confined in my home until further notice.

But allow me, exceptionally, to recall here what I wrote for the New Year divine service of this year: "in affliction, we trust in God. He has delivered us and will deliver us again (2 Cor 1: 10)". We do not know why God allows such a situation. But I am sure that this period of spiritual famine will help us to realize, more than ever, how important the divine service, the ordained ministry, and Holy Communion are for us! Let us trust God: He always knows how to give to those who love Him what is essential for their salvation!

In this particular time, I wish you, my dear brothers and sisters, a heart filled with the peace of the Risen One and the strength of the Holy Spirit. Assuring you of my prayers, I extend to you my very cordial greetings.

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