



Greetings to each of you...



A Reflection from Rabbi Josef

Let's reflect a moment on the human, religious dimension of this present hour.

Two of the brand-new terms that have entered our daily conversation is "social distancing" and "self isolation". These are shorthand, as we know very well, for the practical physical precautions that we all need to and must take in order to protect ourselves and others.

I'd humbly suggest though, that we use the terms sparingly, if at all. Language is a powerful shaper of thinking. And the very last thing we need right now, is a mindset of mutual distancing.

We actually need to be thinking in the exact oppositeway.

Every hand that we don't shake must become a phone call that we place. Every embrace that we avoid must become a verbal expression of warmth and concern. Every inch and every foot that we physically place between ourselves and another, must become a thought as to how we might be of help to that other, should the need arise.

It is obvious that "distancing", if misplaced or misunderstood, will take its toll not only upon our community's strength and resiliency, but upon the very integrity and meaning of our spiritual commitment. And who knows if it was for this time that we have committed ourselves to walk in God's ways.

Let's stay safe. And let's draw one another closer in a way that we've never done before."

National Team Announcement

In consultation with Brian Traynor CP we have postponed 2020 Formation Days until next year.

Once life resumes post covid19 and at the invitation, Paul Traynor would be happy to work with a date that suits to visit regions to provide support and input.

As a National Team we will endeavour to be available for PFG's in any way we can.

We will have links to articles, a message from Brian and ideas for staying connected especially with those living alone on the webpage.

www.passionistfamily.org.nz

It is necessary to suspend personal gatherings at this time.

However, lets remain connected! Encourage each group to set up a Phone Tree!

Love and Blessings to each of you.

John, Mary-Ellen, Paul, Linda, Paul

Keep calm and remember our aims and goals! Feel free to contact the Team if you have any concerns or ideas.

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PFGM Aims and Goals

- To share our Christian values
- To live and love like the early Christians
- To give example to and involve our Children in Christian caring
- To build and promote community
- To support one another in times of need and celebration.

<https://vimeo.com/399352865>

Copy and paste this link to your browser for a streamed Mass celebrated by a Chris Monaghan. Each week there will be a link for Mass.

Prayer During the Corona Virus

The Prayer Process:

Gratitude ... Begin by thanking God for what you are most grateful for today.

Awareness ... Revisit the times in the past 24 hours when you were and were not-the-best-version-of-yourself. Talk to God about these situations and what you learned from them.

Significant Moments ... Identify something you experienced today and explore what God might be trying to say to you through that event (or person)

Peace ... Ask God to forgive you for any wrong you have committed (against yourself or another person, or God)

Freedom ... Speak with God about how God is inviting you to change your life, so that you can experience the freedom to be the-best-version-of-yourself

Others ... Lift up to God anyone you feel called to pray for today, asking God to bless and guide them.

Finish ... by praying the Our Father

Sharing Hope:

Family Group members share!

"I watched a Mass streamed from a Cathedral in America, which was very good. I had 3 grandchildren present who sat so still!!"

<https://thesundaymass.org/watch-the-sunday-mass>

In response to a group setting up a phone tree...

"It feels reassuring to belong to a group that looks after each other. This is especially so for us who do not have family in New Zealand."

Phone Tree - staying connected in family groups:

Group members of your family group or neighbourhood can be more connected if each person receives one phone call at least once a week.

Either follow your contact list and get everyone to ring the person below them or make up a group of 4 or 5 to ring each other.

Ensure the immediate needs of each person are metmaybe they need reassurance, groceries, medicines etc. Maybe they have a neighbour or friend who would appreciate being contacted also. etc. **LISTEN**

From next week let's work on a topic to share:

Week Starting 30th March Share a favourite holiday or wish to holiday

Week starting 6th April What you wanted to do when you grew up?

Week starting 13th April Share a poem or sing a song

Week starting 20th April What's your favourite hat and why?

"Sarah and John were sailing the wide oceans and were in radio contact with other boats in the area. Not visual contact, just radio. The group of boats decided to keep in touch and committed to making regular contact and sharing something e.g. a poem. Sarah said it made such a difference being connected in this way and is a beautiful memory of the trip."

So let's keep sharing ideas and experiences. Email photos and stories to:
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