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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we, all live through this experience of 'lock-down' due to the COVID 19 pandemic; we face many new challenges but also new opportunities. With our 'staying home' we discover or perhaps rediscover how important being together as family really is to us. However, the closing of so many businesses and public institutions like schools brings with it a serious reduction of or loss of regular income.

I pray and hope that you are able to access government assistance programs so that you can care for your families and homes. Certainly looking after your family is your first responsibility. However, you also have a spiritual home, your parish which, also has needs and requires care. Your parish now, has no income or revenue.

Therefore, I write to ask you to, according to your means and after first caring for your family, to please support the parish, which is your spiritual home.

How to do this?

The first and traditional way is to mail a cheque with your collection amount to your parish or even to the diocesan office.

The other option is to make an electronic funds transfer on-line. To do this go to: [etransfer@dostp.ca](mailto:etransfer@dostp.ca) and follow the steps. Among those steps, be sure to indicate which parish the donation is for in the message box.

I repeat that your first obligation is to your family and loved ones but any small amount you can give will make a difference. We are all touched by this strange pandemic and as an expression of solidarity with you, the parishioners, I am happy and grateful that your priests have all accepted a serious reduction of their salary during the pandemic.

Above all, let us continue praying for one and another and trusting in the protection of the Good Shepherd and his Blessed Mother.

+Bishop Paul Terrio

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