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Holy and beautiful Pentecost celebration

Dear Brothers and Sisters

We are going to celebrate the feast of Pentecost and return to our churches, which we had to close nine weeks ago. We're going to go back, but in a different way.

The Spirit is promised to us, again, to do new things. Certainly not to return to "the life of before". And already the conditions of the opening of the churches remind us of the discipline necessary to put no one in danger: neither others nor ourselves.

I wish you a beautiful and holy Feast of Pentecost for all believers, and for all a weekend of peace, love and brotherhood. And I make four wishes for the Church according to COvid_19.

1. May our Church be a community of missionary disciples in simplicity (like Jesus: cf. Matthew 8:19-22), who do not impose on anyone obstacles that God does not place before us! (see Matthew 23:3-24).

2. That our Church, even if it should be less numerous, should be closer to the poor and the little ones, for in them Christ is found (see Matthew 25:31-46).

3. That our Church be at the heart of the protection of the "common house" of all creation, without despising the science that manifests God's understanding in us (Genesis 1:1 - 2:4).

4. May we all in the Church have a greater taste of Scripture, which alone truly explains to us what the Eucharistic Bread is (cf. Luke 24:13-32).

Thank you for praying for me. You are in my prayer, with all my affection in Jesus and Our Lady.

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