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Dear Friend of Holy Apostles,

I hope that you are well and that you are taking care of yourself, your family and loved ones, any of those who are in need around you... Holy Apostles is willing to help you in any way we can! ... I am so thankful to you for your prayers, and for your reaching out to each other through telephone and social media... and for helping us to realize that we are not alone and that the Lord is with us!

One of those special people who wants us to realize this is Pope Francis. I wanted you to be aware that Friday, March 27th at 1 in the afternoon he will be giving the world a very special blessing from which we can receive a plenary indulgence. This is so powerful; it can change some of the very weaknesses that we carry and truly begin to heal us. Of course, we must be disposed and receptive to God's Love and grace in order to have it be effective in our lives. The Church recommends that if you wish to receive this blessing, you pray, pray for the Pope, go to Confession when you are able and then, receive Holy Communion when by God's grace, it is offered again. To find out more about this, please visit: www.vaticannews.va For more info on the coronavirus from the Church you can also visit: <http://www.usccb.org/about/communications/usccb-president-reflection-and-prayer-during-coronavirus.cfm>

I miss you and love you and have been keeping you in my prayers... For the time being, I am learning to do church differently, especially using the technology that is available to us. In this light, I am putting my daily mass homilies on the internet and you can also find them on our website at holypostleschurchfamily.org. You can also find them on Facebook and You Tube under Holy Apostles Church. If you have not yet updated your contact information, please do so at your earliest convenience. We want to be able to stay in contact with you, give you updates from the parish, and send you encouraging messages of hope. If there ever was a time that we needed to be together and supporting each other, this is it!

Please also remember to maintain your support of Holy Apostles with your collection, as we try to make up for the loss of our being together on these weekends... We depend on your support, and it is critical to our mission and vision and to our ability to operate. I am so grateful for your commitment in the past, and I believe that you will continue to be faithful now and into the future!

You mean a great deal to us, and we want to be able to go through the present situation with as much peace as possible... We do not know how all this crisis will unfold, but we do know that God will be with us! ... And we can be a source of consolation, healing, and strength to each other! Though we cannot come together in person for mass, please know that you can contact me at the rectory office if you have an emergency need.

Respond to the Pope's invitation in prayer and receive his special blessing Friday March 27th at 1 tomorrow afternoon...

And please keep me, Holy Apostles parish, and all our brothers and sisters in prayer, as we go through this time together. Though we are significantly challenged, we know that this too, shall pass! Nothing is impossible with God! We already sense many hidden blessings emerging! And we look forward joyfully to the day that we will be able to celebrate mass together, as a parish family!

Love, in Our Lord,

Fr. Tony Mugavero