



LIVESTREAMING INSTALLATION PROGRESS TO DATE

SOME WEEKS AGO, I APPROACHED YOU TO ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF PROVIDING OUR PARISH WITH THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT TO LIVESTREAM MASSES, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS, AND OTHER SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE. TO DATE, THE EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN INSTALLED AND WE ARE PRESENTLY EVALUATING THE CAMERAS AND THE OTHER EQUIPMENT THAT HAS BEEN INSTALLED FOR BROADCASTING OUR WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASSES. ALTHOUGH FAR FROM PERFECT NOW, EVERYTHING HAS BEEN WORKING WELL. NOW THE PROPER KNOWLEDGE MUST BE ATTAINED TO USE THIS EQUIPMENT PROPERLY AND EFFECTIVELY. THEREFORE, YOUR PATIENCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY MOST SINCERE GRATITUDE TO ALL THOSE WHO, THROUGH THEIR FINANCIAL SUPPORT, HAVE MADE THIS PROJECT A POSSIBILITY FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

HOWEVER, I FIND IT NECESSARY TO ADDRESS A MISUNDERSTANDING OR, BETTER YET, AN UNTRUTH. I'VE HEARD IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT THE MONEY EXPENDED ON THIS PROJECT WILL ONLY ENABLE PEOPLE TO NOT RETURN TO ATTENDING MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS. THIS MY FRIENDS CANNOT BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH. IT IS ABSOLUTLY WRONG. FOR THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, ATTENDANCE AT MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS IS AN OBLIGATION FOR EVERY CATHOLIC AND THEREFORE, REQUIRED. VIEWING MASS ON EWTN, LIVE FROM THE DIOCESAN CATHEDRAL OR ANY OTHER MEDIA, LOCAL OR OTHERWISE, DOES NOT FULFILL OUR OBLIGATION. TRUTHFULLY, A STRONG PRACTICING CATHOLIC SHOULD WANT TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE CELEBRATION OF MASS AND RECEIVE CHRIST IN THE WONDERFUL GIFT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST.

AS I HAVE STATED TO YOU BEFORE, THE PURPOSE OF OUR ABILITY TO LIVESTREAM OUR MASSES AND SERVICES IS MEANT FOR THE ELDERLY, THE SICK AND INFIRMED OF OUR PARISH WHO, OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS OF THE PANDEMIC, HAVE BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO VIEW THE MASS WHICH IS BROADCASTED FROM SAINT JOSEPH'S CHURCH ON A WEEKLY BASIS. IT ENABLES THEM TO VIEW THE CELEBRATION OF MASS FROM THE CHURCH WHERE THEY HAVE WORSHIPED AND LOVED ALL OF THEIR LIVES. TRUTHFULLY, EWTN OR EVEN THE CATHEDRAL CANNOT SATISFY THAT NEED AND DESIRE. WHILE ON SICK CALLS AND THROUGH LETTERS THAT I HAVE RECEIVED OVER THE COURSE OF THE PANDEMIC, PEOPLE HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR GRATITUDE FOR OUR PROVIDING THE WEEKLY MASS FROM OUR CHURCH ON YOUTUBE.

YOU KNOW, MY FRIENDS, IT IS VERY EASY TO LEVEL CRITICISM AND TO SCOFF AT THE ATTEMPTS TO PROVIDE THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST TO THOSE WHO ARE PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO ENTER THE CHURCH AS YOU AND I CAN.

ONCE AGAIN, I EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GENEROUSLY RESPONDED TO MY REQUEST FOR HELP TO BEGIN THIS PROJECT. I AM MOST CERTAIN THAT GOD WILL BLESS YOU ABUNDENTLY FOR YOUR KIND GENEROSITY IN PERFORMING THIS CORPORAL WORK OF MERCY TO OUR PARISHIONERS AND MANY OTHERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO PHYSICALLY ATTEND MASS. FOR THOSE OF YOU WISHING TO MAKE A DONATION TO THIS PROJECT YOU MAY STILL DO SO. YOUR GENEROSITY WILL ENABLE US TO IMPROVE AND UPGRADE THE SYSTEM THAT IS BEING INSTALLED.

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND I WILL CONTINUE TO ASK GOD TO BLESS YOU ABUNDENTLY. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ME.

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