

Confessions in the present context of Corona Virus

Dear Parishioners,

Pope Francis addressed this question on confessions in his homily yesterday.

“People who cannot get to confession because of the corona virus lock down or another serious reason can go to God directly, be specific about their sins, request pardon and experience God’s loving forgiveness,” Pope Francis said. “This is the right time, the opportune moment. An act of contrition done well, and our souls will become white like the snow,” the pope said. God welcomes every repentant sinner with open arms, he said. “It’s like going home.” “But many people today would tell me, ‘Father, where can I find a priest, a confessor, because I can’t leave the house? And I want to make peace with the Lord, I want him to embrace me, I want the Father’s embrace.’” The pope said his response would be, “Do what the Catechism (of the Catholic Church) says. It is very clear: If you cannot find a priest to confess to, speak directly with God, your father, and tell him the truth. Say, ‘Lord, I did this, this, this. Forgive me,’ and ask for pardon with all your heart.” Make an act of contrition, the pope said, and promise God, “‘I will go to confession afterward, but forgive me now.’ And immediately you will return to a state of grace with God.

This is a good and appropriate message from pope at this critical time in the world. Let us go to HIM with Trust, Humility and Repentance and receive the forgiving and loving embrace of God.

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