

As chaplain of Gonzaga Law School, I want to extend the spirit of closeness, affection, and hope that I and your alma mater have for you. Amidst these challenging times, we continue to give thanks for you, we are praying for you and your family, and we long for you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

With the hardship of separation comes anxiety and fear. There may even be a sense of hopelessness. However, as a people of the faith, we are reminded that our God does not and will not abandon us. In fact, it is good to remember what the season of Lent is about: during Lent, we are reminded that all suffering will pass, and that, in the end, the Resurrected Christ will triumph over all fear, all doubt, and all sadness. The light of Christ will cast away all shadow, all darkness.

Thus, as we go about our daily lives during these exasperating days of *social distancing*, may our faith in God, and may our affection for one another, make up for any gap or distance that dares to separate us from one another. May God's love for each and every one of us connect us with one another in faith and hope, with courage and constancy. Let us live in that grace, holding up those who are in danger and those who care for them.

Please know that I and the Gonzaga Law community are here for you.

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