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To the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

These are proving to be challenging times for our communities. Social distancing, working from home, people we know getting sick, restrictions on travel, weddings, funerals and even Sunday Mass, have us feeling a little lost, alone and distant. These feelings have left each one of us desiring *communion* with God and with others. St. Augustine said, “Our heart is restless until it rests in you O Lord.” So, we continue seeking out how to live in this challenging reality that affects our relationship with God, with those we live with, with our neighbors, and with our world.

In this spirit, our St. John Paul II Office for the New Evangelization at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee has created a new initiative called, “*Courageous Communion: Daily Living for Quarantined Catholics.*” This timely initiative serves as an invitation to you and those around you to respond in this unique time in history with a depth of prayer and motivation to serve others in any way that we are able. Jesus is still calling us to “Love God and love our neighbors as ourselves.” Below are some the various resources at your disposal through this new initiative.

- Daily reflections from our Bishops
- A guide for praying with the Gospels every day
- Assistance to help people intentionally plan their day/week with Christ at the center
- An at-home retreat called “Into the Quiet,” directed by Fr. Luke Strand
- Consecration to St. Joseph
- A guide for online Masses
- Resources related to responding to COVID-19.
- A FREE subscription to Formed.org for 40 days
- A FREE digital subscription to the Milwaukee Catholic Herald

You can find this resource on the archdiocesan website, [archmil.org](http://archmil.org) or by clicking this link [www.archmil.org/Courageous-Communion](http://www.archmil.org/Courageous-Communion). I pray this becomes a resource for you and your fellow parishioners as we weather this storm with Christ by our side.

With the assurance of prayers, I am,  
Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Jerome E. Listecki*

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