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Bishop's Resurrection Word

COVID-19 Pandemic

The Church is more challenged than it has ever been in the history of Christendom. All around the world people are faced with a great uncertainty from the COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to the pandemic, as I would drive home every day from the 4<sup>th</sup> District Office, downtown Chicago was always full of people. The streets would be crowded with people who were going to and coming from work; tourists who were here visiting the marvelous sites Chicago has to offer; school children on field trips visiting the various museums; and diners who were taking advantage of the myriad offerings of Chicago cuisine. Now, to my dismay, downtown Chicago is decimated. There are virtually no people walking or driving the streets of Chicago, Illinois, a once thriving metropolis. This is a sign that we are living with a crisis that is challenging our faith, our health and our ability to enjoy life to its fullness, with our family and friends.

As we approach Resurrection Sunday, may I remind us that our "hope is built on nothing less than Jesus Christ and His righteousness". As Servant-leaders of Jesus Christ and members of the faith, we are called to share the Good News that ***"Jesus lives. He lives, Christ Jesus lives today. You ask me how I know He lives; He lives within my soul."***

During this Resurrection season, will you join me in prayer for those around the world who are challenged by the COVID-19 pandemic? We pray for all servant-leaders, who are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. We pray for all members of the faith that God will continue to bless them and their ministry during this crisis.

**"Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus"**

Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to take Him at His Word  
Just to rest upon His promise,  
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er.  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus,  
Oh for grace to trust Him more.