

Today is The Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

God provided Israelites manna to satisfy their hunger while he led them through the desert. He first let them be afflicted with hunger, and then fed them with manna. Each person was allowed the same amount; only one per day. The purpose of the manna was to test their faith, to humble them, and to teach them that one does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. All of them who walked the desert were one people and one family of God.

Going through Covid-19 we have realized that everyone in the world is one family. Coronavirus makes us feel equal. It doesn't matter if you are wealthy or not. It doesn't matter what color you are. It doesn't matter in which continent you live; every single life is affected by the coronavirus. Our differences have faded under this giant disaster. We are in the same boat; we are related to each other. We are one family.

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven." Jesus is coming as manna to us who are walking on this desert. Everyone who receives his body becomes one. As we receive communion we become one family through Jesus. However, we shouldn't be united only within the church. I believe that Jesus wants us to do more.

There are many people who are dying not only by diseases but by poverty. Many people are dying of malaria because they cannot buy the medicine. It's not a matter of technology. It's a matter of poverty, and it's also for us a matter of love. We can consider this time as a test for us from God.

God wants us to care for others, especially the poor among us. I believe that this is the way we respect the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ in our lives.

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