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MY CHERISHED MOTHER BUTLERS,

How are you? There is not a day that passes that I do not think of you. Daily I lift you up to the Lord during my Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours), the Mass of Pope Francis (1:00pm TV EWTN), the 3'oclock Divine Mercy Prayer, my Night Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) and when I pray the Rosary.

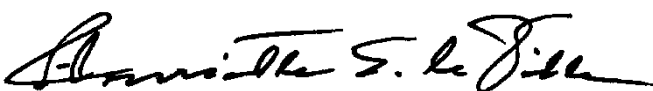
I know how this covid19 pandemic has robbed us of many things. Aside from the freedom to move about freely, what is so heartbreaking, especially for us *Mother Butlers* is the closure of our churches...the landscape of our ministry. So painful our being unable to hear Mass, live not online (though thankful for technology that allows us to follow the Mass many times a day)...missing the sweet taste of Jesus on our lips in Holy Communion (though receiving Him spiritually should increase our desire for Jesus). Enhanced Community Quarantine has suddenly disabled our MBG altar service. And consequently, we are deprived of the joy of preparing the altar for the Eucharist, of cleaning the sanctuary, washing the sacred vessels/chasubles/linens. But then perhaps this is the Lord's way of shifting our joy of being his Martha to now being his Mary.

I urge you during this forced lockdown to create many moments for resting in Jesus, with him there is never any need for social distancing. For the nearer we are to him and the closer we are to our Lord and our God, the more we are healed of our infirmities and cleansed of our sins. Be creative in getting to know Jesus more intimately. Be aggressive in desiring to love him more deeply.

Quarantine should not paralyze us to inaction. Even our prayer can be made proactive. Gathering your household everyday to pray the Rosary at a specific time and/or the 3 o'clock Divine Mercy Prayer, following Sunday Mass together on TV, Facebook or Youtube are means of transforming your home into a domestic church. Prayer time becomes family bonding time. And then do not forget the poor and those suffering. There will be many during these covid19 times. If you have stocked up 7 kilos of rice for a week, give a kilo to an out-of-job neighbor. If you cannot now sew purificators for your parish church, sew face masks for the garbage collectors in your neighborhood.

Covid19 is certainly bringing wave after wave of miseries. But Jesus said to St. Faustina: "I am love and mercy itself, there is no human misery that could measure up to my mercy." Let us call on his mercy, trust in his mercy, find strength in his mercy. So my dear *Mother Butlers*, do not be sad or depressed. This too shall to come to pass. Covid19 shall come to pass. Then we *Mother Butlers* should give thanks and proclaim: "It is the Lord. He saved us because he loves us."

Love you all.



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