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Dear all,

We continue to actively monitor the situation. This morning the Rector's Cabinet agreed to form a small committee to formalize a plan in regard to what is taking place with the coronavirus outbreak. The committee is being led by Dr. Patrick Russell and Mr. Chris Lambert and includes Ms. Monica Misey, Dcn. Carl Schrage, and Fr. Brad Krawczyk. I have also been in touch with Fr. John Hemsing of St. Francis de Sales Seminary and Br. Duane Lemke superior of the SCJ Monastery community in order to coordinate our efforts to the extent possible. Currently we are monitoring the situation and plan to follow instructions from the Milwaukee County health department. A specific plan for the SHSST community is being formulated regarding a protocol should one of us get sick (beyond individual self-quarantine). In addition, the committee will examine the question of how to complete courses should we have to close. Because of the fluidity of the situation, we will communicate any important information to you as soon as possible. Please also see my email from Monday regarding personal steps to take for prevention. In the meantime, we also need to call upon our faith to help us. So please know that I am praying for personal serenity in the face of uncertainty, for those who are ill, and for anyone who is experiencing difficulties during these times. I am also praying for your welfare at all times. Please join me in these prayers in your own way.

Also, here is the prayer formulated by Pope Francis for this situation:

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

*At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,
with steadfast faith.*

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that,

as you did at Cana of Galilee,

joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform ourselves to the Father's will

and to do what Jesus tells us:

*He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

*Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and
blessed Virgin.*

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-03/pope-francis-prayer-our-lady-protection-coronavirus.html>

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