

March 12, 2020

Dear JPii Newman Community Members,

Thank you for your continued awareness and cooperation surrounding COVID-19 (coronavirus).

As you know, the University of Nebraska at Omaha has made the decision to use only distance learning and suspend all extracurricular activities until further notice. In conjunction with UNO, the CDC, the Douglas County Health Department and with the upmost care of students in mind, the following decisions have been made regarding our community:

- I. JPii Newman Center will close at 5 pm today (March 12, 2020) until further notice.
 - a. Masses will remain open to all students. This evening we will have a holy hour at 7:30 pm followed by Mass with Archbishop Lucas. There will be no Community Night activity after Mass.
 - b. Only residents and staff with keycard access should be in the building. No guests. The exception to this is the celebration of Mass.
 - c. Community Night and parish activities are suspended immediately.
 - Taco Tuesday, Ladies in Waiting, Knights of Columbus, etc.
 - d. Bible studies and other gatherings cannot be hosted here at the Newman Center.
- II. Liturgical celebrations (Reconciliation, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Mass) will continue under these conditions:

***if you have COVID-19 symptoms, have been in contact with someone with COVID-19, or are not feeling well, please follow the CDC recommendations and stay home. Attending Mass when you are sick is not necessary and is discouraged.**

 - a. Social distancing: In the Oratory, please do your best to sit about 6 feet away from the nearest person. Continue to refrain from physical contact.
 - b. Reconciliation: Please kneel and use the screen (as opposed to sitting in front of the Priest) when celebrating the Sacrament.
 - c. Reception of Holy Communion: Please make every effort to receive on the hand.
 - d. Sign of Peace: We will continue to refrain.

CDC recommendations on preventing the spread of respiratory diseases:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth;
- Stay home when you are sick and seek medical assistance, if needed;
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash;
- Clean and disinfect frequently-touched objects and surfaces;
- Do not share glasses, utensils, bottles, etc.; and
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing;
 - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

Please join us in continuing to pray for those affected and for a quick mitigation of this disease. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this time.

Please check JPiiOmaha.org for further updates.

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