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Dear Saint Olaf Parishioners and friends,

I am communicating with you today because there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 at our parish. Medical privacy laws limit the information we are able to share, but I have decided to let you know that it is I, Fr. Kevin Kenney who has tested positive for COVID-19. I am under quarantine, and have been since I heard the news that I was exposed to COVID-19 at another location. I am symptom-free at this time, but will follow the guidelines and stay under quarantine until I am cleared to return to active duty status.

Mary Kennedy, our Parish Administrator, has contacted the Minnesota Department of Health to report the case and we are working with their team to make sure we are doing all we can to limit the spread of the virus. Saint Olaf is following the advice and guidelines of the Minnesota Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control, and the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, as we have done since the start of the pandemic. The health and safety of our parishioners, visitors, and staff are our utmost priority.

Saint Olaf public spaces, offices, and the priest residence area has undergone additional sanitization procedures to ensure our building is safe. Based upon the recommendation of the Minnesota Department of Health and the fact that we quickly moved to isolate me from the public and staff, we will keep Saint Olaf open for Daily and Weekend Masses and Reconciliation. We are following all protocols of requiring Masks as is the City and State Mandate, observing social distancing, and our cleaning protocols. Please, please, please wear a mask, my suspected exposure came from someone not wearing a mask and coughing.

I will continue to record and post the daily Masses, Monday-Thursday in English and Spanish, as long as I feel well. Of course, Saint Olaf continues to broadcast our Sunday Mass on MCN Cable Channel 6 on Sundays at 8:00pm, replayed on Mondays at 10:00am. A copy of that recorded Mass is posted on our Saint Olaf website every Sunday. We also Live-Stream the 10:00am Mass on Saint Olaf's You Tube Channel, www.youtube.com/user/SaintOlafChurch/live.

Let us together trust in Jesus, who throughout the ages in times of uncertainty and trial, never fails us.

Our Lady, Comfort of the Sick, pray for us!

Peace,

(Unsigned due to my Quarantine but approved by me!)

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Serving as a living sign of Christ's saving presence in the heart of the city.