

27 May, 2021

Dear OMPH Parishioners,

Peace be with all of you.

As we approach the near end of the MCO, nothing seems to have changed except the increase in the number of Covid-19 infections and deaths. In faith we pray as a community for an end to this pandemic. Although there is social distancing, ironically, it has drawn us closer in solidarity and made us more prayerful and caring people.

We will not be opening the Church even after the proposed date of the lifting of the MCO on the 6th of June. Your safety and health is our priority and we don't want our parish to be famous by the formation of a new cluster. There are just too many asymptomatic people around us.

Now we have to ask the Spirit for the gift of patience because this pandemic is going to be with us for the many months to come. As the Health DG said, we must be prepared for the worst. We cannot take this lightly. Many Church goers have been complacent and difficult when it comes to the SOP. It has made the work of our front liners very difficult and stressful at times. No one likes to walk around wearing double masks or carry hand sanitizers. As things have gotten worse and we must play our part.

I wish to thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Special thanks to the Parish Response Team and all Front-liners and volunteers. We have to see how we can celebrate our Feast Day in a new way.

Thank you for sharing our Novenas with others as this devotion has gone around the world. The faithful people that pray during the live webcast is very encouraging. We are able to reach more people than we could ever do in the past. May our Mother of Perpetual Help always intercede and protect us.

In Him there is fullness of redemption Rev Fr Patrick Massang, CSSR Parish Priest