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Yves Etienne
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Greetings Sir Knights,

While no one knows exactly how the situation will progress around the COVID-19 pandemic, our priority is to protect all Sir Knights. A few essential preventive actions are recommended by the Center for Disease Control that we know all too well—the most important are staying at home, practicing social distancing and sanitizing as much as possible.

With hope, scientists and public health officials will find answers to key questions about the cruelty of this pandemic and its transmission. These scientists are exploring treatments and a potential vaccine for this deadly disease. I have faith in the fabulous works of these scientists and these public health officials—because they have done it in the past.

At this point, this brings us to the question of: Can you have Faith without Hope?

Let us define Faith and Hope. Faith is the basic ingredient to begin a relationship with God. Faith is also the assurance that the things revealed and promised in the word are true, even though unseen and given the believer has a conviction that what he expects in faith will come to pass. In other words, it becomes so tangible that you now possess it. Hope is to express a strong desire for something that is not easily attainable or want something that probably will not happen to happen.

To answer the above question, we can say that one can't have hope without faith. Thus, when people have hope they have faith—because they hold a belief that says, "I believe that the future will be better." And while they have no grounds to prove this hopeful assumption, they have a belief in it. While faith without hope is possible, hope without faith is not.

Today, as we are in the forefront of this coronavirus, we have no other choice than to put our faith in Jesus Christ, our savior, and our

hope that we will soon come out of this pandemic.

I want to wish you all a HAPPY FATHER'S DAY. Please, be patient and stay safe. God bless you all, God bless Knights Templar and God bless America. Hope to see you soon.

Courteously and fraternally,
Sir Knight Yves Etienne, R.E.G.C.

Grand Prelate's Corner

Pentecost, the festival of the giving of the Holy Spirit, who is the living Christ, to the Disciples of old and all of us today. It is recognized as taking place ten days after the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ into heaven. His promise gift comes to the world. The living Christ is with us now and always, guiding and encouraging us to remain faithful so we may live in paradise forever.

Pentecost marks the start of the Messianic Age. The reign of the God's chosen one. God would have a new covenant and it would not be written on stone tablets, but it would be written on their hearts and in their minds (*see Jeremiah 31:33*). When that fire of His presence came this time it was to engrave it on their hearts. The Holy Spirit came and not only did He engrave it on their hearts, but He gave them the power to obey and uphold His commandments and to receive His promised covenant blessings to all who walk in obedience to His teachings and commands.

The Spirit of Christ is the Spirit that separates. The Spirit literally separates us out of this world, out of commonness, out of profane things, out of worthless things, unto the holy and the precious. "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me, and you will testify also..." (John 15:26-27). We must testify about the great and awesome salvation that has been given to us. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Jesus Christ, God is making an appeal through us; We are the disciples of our day encouraging and appealing to others to be reconciled to God through the living Christ in our midst.

So Sir Knights, let us take of the challenge and promote the life of Jesus Christ among ourselves and into the world.