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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I invite you to join me in praying for our brothers and sisters throughout our State and in our Diocese who have been and are presently affected by the recent fires. In our diocese alone the CZU, River, Carmel Valley and Dolan fires have already caused profound damage to property, persons and the environment. Hundreds of people have already fled their homes fearful of the unknown. Likewise, several of our parish sites have been evacuated due to the close proximity of the fires. Although it may not be clear to us, it is at times like these that we are called to not lose sight that the Lord is with us even amidst the uncertainty of the moment. You and I are called to come together as the Body of Christ, to pray for each other, even if we cannot physically gather in each other's presence. Let us also earnestly pray for our first responders who place themselves in harm's way to protect all of us.

As we approach this weekend, please be mindful that your pastor may need to make a decision whether or not to have an outdoor mass at your parish due the poor air quality in your area because of the fires. I urge you to remain in contact with your parish to see if any sudden changes to the mass schedule will be made for the upcoming weekend. Be assured of my prayers today and always. St. Junípero Serra pray for us!

In Christ,

Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia
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