Dear parishioners,

As you know, the Archdiocese of Toronto has temporarily closed all churches in order to adhere to the regulations of the Government of Ontario in limiting the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We are living in challenging times, but God have not abandoned us. Christ is truly Risen and is coming also to us through the closed door, saying: "Peace be with you". Be assured that we are praying for you and are ready to assist you as much as possible. Please let me know if the parish can help you during these difficult times.

No doubt you are aware that our parish relies on the support of our parishioners to operate. It will be a challenge to maintain our parish without the weekly offertory collection.

In response to many requests that I have received from parishioners, here are the ways that you can continue to support our parish at this time:

- **Mail** or **drop off** or your offertory contribution to the parish office.
- Contribute **by credit card**, <u>click here</u> and follow the steps. **Make sure you select** <u>Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish</u> in the Parish field (almost at the end of the drop-down menu).
- Contribute through **pre-authorized giving**. You can obtain a form from our parish office or <u>download the form</u>. Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month. For more information on pre-authorized giving, <u>click here</u>.
- You can contribute to the offertory via **on-line banking**. To do this, the Archdiocese need to send you your unique account number. Please send an e-mail to <u>campaign@archtoronto.org</u>. In the body of the email provide: 1. your name, 2. address, 3. parish name, 4. municipality.

You will be emailed account information which you can use to set up the Archdiocese of Toronto as a payee in your on-line banking. Your gift will be forwarded to our parish. You can make a one time or recurring gift to our offertory.

If you have any questions please contact the Development Office at the Archdiocese of Toronto, <u>development@archtoronto.org</u> or 416-934-3400, ext. 540.

Thank you for your many contributions to our parish community. I hope and pray daily that we will be able to gather together again soon.

May God bless all of you and your families.

Fr. Grzegorz Nowicki, pastor