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Letter to the Congregation and lay Assumptionists of the Alliance at this moment of the Covid 19 pandemic

« Let us fix our hope on God ! »

Dear Brothers, sisters, and friends,

Just a few weeks we could not have imagined that our world would be facing a grave health crisis. But so it is, « As it was in the days of Noah.....they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage up to the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came..... Lk 17:26-27).

The message that I am addressing to you today is one of encouragement to live this time of distress in peace and hope. Out Lent will be longer this year because there is every reason to believe that all the health measures now in place will last beyond Easter. Let us benefit from this time to strengthen our friendship with Jesus Christ. It is too early to draw lessons from the current crisis. The first order of business is that of fighting this calamity. So many cases of solidarity that we have heard of should spur us to contribute to this wave of generosity that is touching the hearts of our fellow brothers and sisters. It would be a mistake to turn in on oneself and forget the brother or sister who shares my misfortune. Let us take time to read the Word of God more attentively. Let us also seek to identify those ways which our ancestors in the faith were able to live through trials just as severe by placing their trust in the name of the Lord. Let us direct our energy to forging new

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