

Dear friends,

Sister T here coming to you from the East End of the Island. Oh how I miss seeing all of you at Mass and around the parish. Know that in our daily prayer, the sisters are keeping all of you and your families in prayer. You are not forgotten. We are all well here and pray that you are all staying safe and doing your best to rise to the challenges of these days.

I have been busy learning a lot about technology and have mastered, Zoom, video calls, Facebook messages etc. and of course there is always the phone. Wow what a discovery. I even learned how to video myself to share a message with our SSPJ Students. Enough technology!

One of the best things I have done for myself is to avail myself of the courses and talks being given by different groups. I have been enjoying a course on Mercy given by Fr. Ron Rolheiser of the Oblate School of Theology. Excellent resource.

I have also had a chance to clean up some files and letters and in doing so found this quote I would like to share with you. ***"Gather the wisdom and weave the dream powerful enough...to awaken a community's soul, to bring forth deep and radical change, to enable new life to emerge, to create, articulate and activate a prophetic vision for the future."***

I found it rather powerful as we began to think about what the 'new normal' will look like when we come back together as a parish. In talking with Fr. Tom I shared with him an idea I had about a book I had used for my retreat and am now 'Zoom sharing' with several friends. The title of the book is **The Song of the Seed** by Macrina Wiederkehr. Using the theme of the **Sower and the Seed**, the author helps us through Scripture and reflection questions and stories to revive a deep yearning for God in our soul. We get to reflect on the Good Seed that is deep within our soul and ready to grow.

I know that so many of you are busy working from home, doing school work with your children and just trying to get by. My suggestion is that if any of you who wish to purchase the book do so and then together we can form small groups (by Zoom of course, or your favorite technology) and share the richness of your faith life journey. It is simple just do the following:

1. Let Sister T know you are interested in this project (**by May 8th**) whether you want to form a group or be a member of one. She can be reached at srtheresita@sspj.org or call her at 508-873-6404
2. Sister T is willing to help you begin and form a group if necessary.
3. Purchase the book (Available through Amazon)
4. Begin to 'awaken a community's soul...to deep and radical change.

My dear friends, I truly believe that as we continue to learn more about our relationship with God and share that journey with others, that when we do get to come back together as a parish family we will meet the 'new normal' ready to reimagine, recreate re-enliven our parish life. Longing to be with you through this project.

Sending you germ free hugs,

Sister Theresita