



November 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Several important events take place each year during November. Including our Nation's Presidential Election, which takes place every four years. On November 3rd, along with electing our country's president, we will also vote for a myriad of other elected officials, including state and local policy makers that in many ways have a more direct impact on our day to day lived experiences. It is important to vote and fulfill our civic duties in order to strengthen our democracy, as we blessed to live in nation where all our voices have an opportunity to be heard.

The other notable dates this month include, Daylight Savings, All Saints' Day, Veteran's Day, and Thanksgiving. These dates are of great importance to us as Americans. These dates are important in the life of our nation because they remind us who we are and allow us the space to pause and reflect on the social principles by which we stand in unity and solidarity.

We want to take this opportunity to greet the members of our local church, and friends who receive "The Chimes", and for all, these dates have great meaning. With the exception of Daylight Savings, these traditional events allow us to commemorate the saints of our faith who have gone on before us, remember and honor the sacrifices of our veterans, and lastly to come together as a nation and give thanks to God Almighty for his many provisions.

These dates bring to our families a certain nostalgia as we come together to celebrate these days. Perhaps the most significant of these events is the joyful and deliciously yummy day of Thanksgiving. This year however as a nation we face the hurdle that will limit our participation in all of these festivities.

When we compare these festivities to previous years' celebrations, this new and temporary normal will challenge all of us. COVID-19 has changed social life as we know it. During this month, I will be praying for you each day and for each family of our local church; asking God,

that just as He has been merciful with us in the past that He may have mercy with us yet again as a nation.

May God restore the health of those who are sick, may He comfort those who are lonely and far from loved ones this year, may He grant us peace and unity during these turbulent times, and may He, regardless of who gets elected this November, may God reign supreme in our hearts, our homes, and in our country, and may we His children, may we love our neighbor, so much so that the world would see God and give Him glory.

In Christ, *Pastor Díaz*