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*Greetings and peace to all of you
who have been such faithful supporters of Unity Acres!*

This is a most strange time in our American history and it has affected all of us in so many ways – physical, emotional, spiritual, financial, cultural, and everything we can think of!

We know that some of you have had the terrible experience of having a loved one die of this Covid19. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you. Perhaps some of you have been ill yourself and have recovered. Probably many of you have been separated from loved ones during this time that has forced us into much more restricted daily lives and that takes a toll on everyone.

Certainly, Unity Acres has experienced some of this strange time but – thanks be to God – there have been no infections and no deaths.

Nevertheless, it has obviously been hard on the men to be so isolated and especially difficult for Steve and his mother, Loretta, who have hardly been able to leave the area, and for Peg McCarthy who has not been able to be present since she has been with her son out of town. We are blessed that Bear Foote has continued to be able to do work around the Acres and it is the great, great ministry and service of the three of them that have kept all as well as possible at this time. To say that they can never be adequately rewarded for this is to say too little!

Yet we are people of hope and the people of faith and endurance and pray for each other and for the courage to sustain daily life during this pandemic. As with all, we wait and hope for some type of vaccine but know that that is most likely months away and we will be continuing with masks and restricted movements for some time.

However, there have been moments of support as the men have largely pulled together to maintain safety and sustenance for all. Also, on a personal level, I had the opportunity on Labor Day weekend to preach at the churches of Saint Matthew's, Saint Francis, in Saint Mary's, in the East Syracuse, Minoa and Bridgeport area in speaking about the history, life, ministry, and "place of constant miracles" that is Unity Acres.

Considering all the social distancing and not being able to always read faces, as I stood at the door of different churches as people exited, so many made lovely remarks about the Acres. Particularly exciting to me was getting to talk with Father McVey's niece and family at Saint Matthew's. We both teared up as we talked about Father Ray and some of those early days. She also said that she has some different artifacts and things that she wants to give us at the Acres and I will look forward to the opportunity to get those and bring them there.

Our hope for all from all of us on the board is that not only we are all healthy during this time but that we continue to make this place a place of hospitality for all even though we have had to be restrictive during this time.

Your prayer for all at the Acres is always appreciated and your faithful support likewise. Please take good care of yourselves and let us continue to believe that the Holy Spirit works even in this challenging time in making something good for all out of this tragic time.

Dave Pasinski
Vice President, Unity Acres Board of Directors



Reflection on dealing with Covid19

Hello friends! What is difficult for me during this pandemic is not being able to see people's faces while shopping, going to church etc. We can't see people's expressions so there is less engagement with each other. It makes me appreciate a friendly smile and an impromptu conversation even more.

When I get discouraged I remember that God is always with me and I have an angel guiding me. Our Blessed Mother Mary is an excellent model for me too. Although Mary experienced times of isolation and pain, she never lost her faith and trust in God. As Romans 8:28 tells us "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose." So I pray to live as God wants me to live and I look forward to the masks coming off and seeing all your smiling faces!

Kathy Crandall
President, Unity Acres Board of Directors



Dear Folks,

It has been quite some time since my last writing. I have been somewhat "out of the loop" inasmuch as I have been with my oldest son John in Brockport since the outbreak of Covid19 in early March. It has been a time of mixed emotions for me both satisfying my family who have been so protective of me during the Virus but missing the Acres and my co-workers and the men and my daily responsibilities there. I am so pleased that Loretta, Bear and Steve have managed to hang in there during these difficult times and have kept the Acres going and safe for the men.

Steve does send work for me to do here and they are in frequent contact with me by text, phone or email. Unity Acres and all connected are in our daily prayers.

Stay safe and God Bless you.

Sincerely, Peg McCarthy