

A letter from Bryant Applegate

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

- you can ignore it
- you can postpone it
- you can reject it
- or you can accept it

All of us were given those options on that Saturday evening on Holy Ground. Now more than ever we are being presented with yet another option by our Lord. For the year 2020 has indeed been a year of suffering, depression, pain, and loneliness for so many. I know for me, the year of the pandemic has resulted in failures along the way by being so isolated. As we approach the implementation of what we prayerfully hope will be a successful vaccination process, I believe our Lord is now asking us to:

- Renew it

So prayerfully I am making a promise to our Lord that as we began hugging one another, sitting closer to one another, holding hands in prayer, and walking through our environments, that we take the time to “renew” our acceptance of being HIS Christian leaders. As we begin to “re-bloom” where we are planted, we remind ourselves that, through the gifts of faith and grace, that all of us together are “the Church” and that the great obstacle of 2020 is behind us as we yell *Ultreya* / Onward into 2021.

Yes, a very difficult season will prayerfully be behind us all in the near future. The cross that we carried all year will be lifted from our shoulders. After all, it was written long ago in Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3 vs 1-8:

There is an appointed time for everything,

and a time for every affair under the heavens.

A time to give birth, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.

A time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to tear down, and a time to build.

A time to weep, a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them.

a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.

A time to rend, and a time to sew;

a time to be silent, and a time to speak.

A time to love, and a time to hate;

a time of war, and a time of peace.

So my Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we will soon be out of that time where we were, “far from embraces,” and back in the time to embrace, sew, plant, dance and gather a “harvest of souls for our Lord.” May all of you be blessed with a spirit-filled 2021; a year that no doubt will see a giant awakening of the Cursillo movement on the Holy Ground of San Pedro.

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Bryant Applegate, Men’s 59

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