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My dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings to you and your families. I do hope that you are healthy and well.

We are now into our second week of a third lockdown. Like many of us, I cannot help but keep up to date with the news and what is occurring in our local community. I regularly see the anguish and frustration of the nation via social media as well as those that share their thoughts with me. At this crucial point in time, we are all being asked to apply some common sense. However, what is common sense? What you deem common sense to be might be something that I do not and vice versa. So what then is your interpretation of it?

What am I saying here? Life is not simple. It is not straightforward. We do not all look at life with the same pair of eyes. We do not all share the same point of view. If we did, it would be very boring and most worrying. We can see that nationally, people are applying various different interpretations of staying safe, staying at home, going for walks and exercising to name but a few. That said, we thank God that he has made us unique. We are continually called to be alert, to use our intelligence and apply common sense not just now but in all aspects of our lives. As always, I want to invite you to read a short story and an insight on a Good Common Sense.

A story was told about a group of scientist together with a young guide Who were trekking through a forest in search of an ideal area to setup camp, when they came across the skeletal remains of what appeared to be a massive and magnificent creature. The scientist were very excited about their find, and decided that they would first reconstruct the creature piece by piece and thereafter bring it back to life. As the weeks passed, the young guide looked on with amazement at how swiftly the team of brilliant scientist had reconstructed the massive body and were now starting on the head.

A few weeks later they had accomplished what had appeared to be an insurmountable task! And just as they were about to revive the magnificent creature, the young guide took one look at it and shouted for them to stop while he quickly climbed up the highest tree he could find. The scientist just laughed at him and proceeded to bring the creature back to life. Only the young guide lived to tell this story..... The beauty of this simple short story is that there is more than a single lesson to be learnt from it. Please my dear parishioners, let us make use of our common good sense as we battle the pandemic.

I wish you a blessed and peaceful week ahead. As always, you remain in my heart and prayers. Stay safe. Look after yourself and one another.

Yours,

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