

Dear Brothers,

As Chinese celebrate the New Year - '**Year of the Tiger**' - we have just begun a new month.

What to expect in the Year of the Tiger?

Astrologers say the tiger denotes strength, vitality and growth — qualities that will hopefully stand us in good stead as we look to move past the uncertainty that COVID-19 has wrought. (The Japan Times).



A few things to bring to your attention:

**World Day of the Sick: February 11, 2022**

We will make it a point to pray for the sick especially on Feb.11th.

Attached please find a note from me, a prayer service prepared by CHA of the US & a video clip/link.

**Oblate Day: February 17, 2022**

Feb.17th is known throughout the Oblate World as "Oblate Day".

It is the anniversary of the day when the Congregation and its Constitutions were formally approved by Rome.

**Online MAMI gathering: February 19, 2022, from 10:00 ~ 11:30 AM**

MAMI team is organizing an online gathering for its members via zoom.

You are most welcome to join them.

Meeting ID: 221 948 2022

Password: jpomi74

**Fr. Len Iuni:**

Yesterday I spoke to Len. He is still in the hospital but feels much better. He is on a rehab program that helps him walk. We will continue to pray for him.

**Fr. Francis (Fran) Hahn, South Africa:**

Recently I got a note from Fran saying that he has decided to get back to the US for good at the end of this month. He had plans of visiting Japan but it is not possible now. Regards and prayers from him.

**Spring Meeting: April 25 ~ 28, 2022**

{ Arrival: Apr.25 (Mon); Departure: Apr. 28 (Thu) }

The spring meeting this year will be held in Koga, Fukuoka. Our brothers in Korea will join us via zoom. Expect an update with a schedule in early April.

Take care and stay safe.

Brad

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2022 World Day of the Sick Video Reflection:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6qW94AhC9Rs>



The Catholic Church will mark the 30th annual World Day of the Sick on Feb. 11, 2022, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Pope Francis said that his predecessor John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick in 1992 as a way “to encourage the people of God, Catholic health institutions, and civil society to be increasingly attentive to the sick and to those who care for them.”

In his message (see the attachment) Pope Francis has focused on mercy in light of this year’s theme:

*“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:36): Standing beside those who suffer on a path of charity.”*

Let us commemorate the World Day of the Sick by taking the time to pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6qW94AhC9Rs&t=12s>

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# World Day of the Sick Prayer

2022

## OPENING PRAYER

As we gather to remember and pray for all those who are sick in this world, we call to mind our mission as men and women who have committed our varied gifts and talents to helping our brothers and sisters who suffer all forms of illness. Let us not forget the many steps along the way to healing. Let us be gentle with ourselves when we too find that we have become ill. Amen.



## READING

Reader: An excerpt from [Pope Francis' 2022 World Day of the Sick message](#).

“Jesus’ invitation to be merciful like the Father has particular significance for healthcare workers. I think of all those physicians, nurses, laboratory technicians, the support staff and the caretakers of the sick, as well as the numerous volunteers who donate their precious time to assist those who suffer. Dear healthcare workers, your service alongside the sick, carried out with love and competence, transcends the bounds of your profession and becomes a mission. Your hands, which touch the suffering flesh of Christ, can be a sign of the merciful hands of the Father. [...]

Patients are always more important than their diseases, and for this reason, no therapeutic approach can prescind from listening to the patient, his or her history, anxieties and fears. Even when healing is not possible, care can always be given. It is always possible to console, it is always possible to make people sense a closeness that is more interested in the person than in his or her pathology.”

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Leader: Oh God, you have always cared for the sick in a special way, wanting your children to be healed in both body and soul. With Pope Francis, we pray in special gratitude for those health care workers who continue to be signs of the merciful hands of God, offering care and comfort even as they perhaps struggle themselves. As we