**Parish of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Diocese of Pelplin, Poland**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

First of all, I would like to express my gratitude to your Archbishop, to your Pastor and of course to you. Even though we do not know each other, I am convinced that you are unusual people. Why am I saying about you like this? The answer is very simple. You experience in the US huge problem of coronavirus, you have your own problems, but even though you are able to share with your Brothers and Sisters in Christ who are in need. So, firstly, I want to say to you simply – Thank you! My short message (the message must be brief) I will divide into two parts. The first part will be connected with the Gosper, which is prepared for today, and the second one – I will ask you for help. As we have just heard in today’s Gospel – Jesus was surrounded by people who were in need. There were the sick, there were the hungry. And what did Jesus do? Our Lord helped them simply. When they were sick – He healed them, when they were hungry – He fed them. And as we know it was over 2000 years ago. But, there is a good question – do you believe that Jesus can do the same in your weaknesses? I assure you that yes, He can! He is very close to you! Jesus wants to help us. Let me share with you with the witness whom I met in the US. I was called to a very sick girl, who were **getting to die**. Her parents asked their Pastor for the sacrament of conformation. When I got there I noticed a young girl who were very sick. I gave her during the sacrament the name of Blessed Teresa of Calcuta. I assured her family that I will pray for that girl. I asked them for the same. After a few months I got an email where was written, that she is healed. Somebody may say it’s coincidence, and I, as a priest, have to say like this, but I believe that Jesus could help us always. Do you believe in it?

Now the second part.

I am Father Peter Lubecki from Poland. I would like to ask you for support. I am the pastor in the Parish of St. Maximilian Kobe in Sucha na Pomorzu (north part of Poland). This is a very little community and it is not able to do the serious renovations. The people who live in this region, though very opened for the experience of faith, have very limited financial means. I have a very important task to lead them to salvation. However, the temporal life is also important. We together would like and need to renovatethat church. Though it is not old, it is very destroyed. It was being built in the difficult times in Poland (during the époque of communism) and the constructors did not have access to the appropriate building materials. That is why we have to face all the renovations: to pay when it comes to the destroyed ceiling and the renovation of doors. Unfortunately, the community cannot afford to collect all the needed money. There is also an another problem: over **three years** ago Poland experienced a very hard storms (quasi hurricanes). They devastated a few houses in my parish – one of them had been totally destroyed. Our Church experienced it too. Hence, if I can ask you for help in form of the second collection it would be great! Remember, without your help we are not able to do it, together we will make my parish great again!

God bless you!