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Dear varTitle varFirstName varLastName,

Greetings from the men of action of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church! During this spring we are seeing signs of growth in nature and in the church. More people and families are returning to Mass and finding the peace and firm foundation of Christ that they need in their lives. But, there are many others who have not returned to Mass and are seeking meaning in their lives.

Jesus is our friend if we do what he commands. This can be difficult in a world where we all have to suffer, and there is plenty of suffering in the world today. Suffering is a part of life and we all suffer in different ways but no suffering comes to us except by God's wish or permission. All sufferings are for our benefit and we can bear them if we ask for God's grace to bear them patiently. Our faith gives suffering meaning. Prayer gives us the strength to suffer well.

... "Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us. ~
Romans 5:3

St. Paul also tells us -

"Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church" (Col 1:24).

Many people these days need help understanding the meaning of suffering in their lives. Know that we pray for you daily for God's Grace to strengthen you in continually conforming your life to Jesus Christ and leading others to God.

Your brothers in Christ,