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Dear Parishioners:

Going back to Abraham our father in faith, many a generation of people have evolved since then bringing the gift of faith to many a person over the centuries. A consistent virtue that flows out of faith in Christ is the importance of moderation. It does not take too much observation to see how politics has become extreme without much room for moderate compromise. We also see it in people who approach life as black and white with little room for grey areas in life. They become self-righteous about people extremely so, negating any possibility for dialogue.

Jesus comes with the authority of Our Creator Father's Will to set us free from extremism and to more humbly live our faith in Christ. As a result, we will move toward moderation in the ambiguity, the mystery of the human person. It does not mean we don't take a stand with issues and with people. However, we do so in Christ's merciful and compassionate atmosphere that is called moderation. We humbly admit that faith in Christ calms us down to more peaceably approach the generations of people since Abraham. As much as God loves us extremely in Christ, we are to live our extreme love of God with a more moderate approach to daily life.

In Christ's Compassion,

Fr. Terry