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Dear friends,

It's hard to believe that our Guesthouse ministry has been closed for a full year, and that we are about to observe the second Holy Week and Easter without you, our beloved guests.

This Holy Week finds us hopeful that we will soon be able to open our doors to you in person. By Easter, every member of the monastic community will be fully vaccinated. With the longer, warmer, and brighter days, we are feeling very optimistic.

**We plan to officially reopen our Guesthouse ministry on Wednesday, September 1st.**

Our Guesthouse Office will reopen on Tuesday, June 1st. At that time we will be able to accept new reservations for 2021 and to confirm existing reservations. We ask for your patience. Please wait until June 1st to contact us to make new reservations for this year. You may assume, unless you hear otherwise from us, that any reservations you have already made for this fall are still in place.

When the Guesthouse Office reopens, we will initially keep our focus only on 2021. We ask you to wait until October 1st to make or confirm reservations for 2022 and beyond.

We know how eager you all are to visit, and we are eager to have you! Your patience in making new and confirming existing reservations will help us to manage the complex process of safely reopening our Guesthouse ministry.

As the CDC and the NY State Department of Health release guidelines for travel and for reopening businesses, we will confirm our safety plan for reopening. We can tell you that we will require all guests to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

In the meantime, please know that we continue to hold you in our prayers. And we look forward with eager longing to welcoming you once again as Christ in our midst.

Wishing you a holy Lent and a joyful Easter,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aidan, OHC". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Br. Aidan, OHC  
Monastery Guestmaster