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Greetings to all of you! I am mindful that last year on February 14, Valentine's Day, my last living sister passed away. It was hard to say 'good-bye' to her, but now I feel that she is still very much a part of my life. Perhaps, many of you have had that experience of losing members of your family. The day that each of them died are very special days to me – because they are days they left our earthly home, but most likely they entered their heavenly home at that time. May God give you the strength that you need at times like that.

We have now begun another month of school, and before you are aware of it we will be starting the season of Lent. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. Does your family do anything special during Lent? Many Catholics go to Mass on Ash Wednesday, and it is called 'Ash Wednesday' because we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us to be aware that that day is the beginning of Lent. The last sentence in Paul's letter for that day says: "**Behold now is an acceptable time; behold now is the day of salvation.**" So let us prepare ourselves to receive God's grace at that special time. Next week, we'll spend a bit more time thinking about you might want to do for Lent.

God bless all of you!

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