

Dear Prospective Customer,

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Greetings in Christ! Thank you for considering purchasing our altar breads. Unfortunately, we are not currently accepting new customers; however, you are welcome to check back in with us after January 1, 2021.

Please allow us to explain.

Before March of 2020, we were at capacity, in terms of the number of customers for whom we are able to bake and process altar breads and still maintain our life of prayer. Since we frequently received inquiries from persons wanting to become our customers, we posted a notice on our website saying that “due to the volume of our current customers, and our need to keep a balance between prayer and work, we are not accepting new customers at this time.”

When the churches began closing due to the COVID pandemic, our altar bread sales plummeted. We hoped that this would be a brief period, but as the weeks became months, and altar bread sales remained minimal, we made the decision to accept some new customers, provided that their pre-COVID orders were not large.

The present situation is that churches are open, though many at restricted capacity; and the number of people going back to Mass is slowly growing, though still far from pre-COVID levels.

We do not know what the future holds.

- If our sales remain low and never regain pre-COVID levels, then we would be eager to take on new customers.

- If however, we take on more customers now only to have our previous customers eventually resume their pre-COVID order volumes, then we would have to let go some customers because we are not able to provide for this number of people and still give priority to our prayer life, which is our primary service to the Church.

Given this situation, we have decided to wait and see how the next weeks unfold, and hopefully by January 1st of next year, we will be in a better position to see whether or not our current customers will be more or less at full-size orders, or whether instead their order amounts are permanently deflated, in which case we plan to take on new customers.

Again, we are very grateful for your consideration and regretful that we are not able to provide you with altar breads. Thank you for your understanding. May our Heavenly Father shower down on you His blessings of peace and union with Him in His Son Jesus, through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

In the peace and joy of Christ,

Sr. Mary Benedicta Johnson, O.Cist.
Altar Bread Manager

“Let us beseech the Lord to reawaken in us the joy at His presence and that we may once more adore Him.
Without adoration, there is no transformation of the world.”

-Pope Benedict XVI