

Dear Prospective Customers,

Greetings in Christ! Thank you for considering purchasing our altar breads. Beginning November 1st 2020, we are accepting new customers, with two conditions:

- 1.) that the new customer will be on an automatic shipment schedule. This means that at some regular interval, you will be automatically shipped your altar-breads, in the amount and at the interval you stipulate. If you need to adjust an individual shipment, you may phone us and request that more or less breads be sent on your upcoming shipment.
- 2.) that the new customer will be our customer on a provisional basis. What this means is that there will be an understanding between you and us that we will fill your orders faithfully, but that if our previous customers' orders begin to regain pre-COVID levels, we will need to ask you to purchase your altar breads elsewhere, so that we can maintain the balance in our monastic life between prayer and work.

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 we were not able to accept any new customers."

When the churches began closing due to the COVID pandemic, our altar bread sales plummeted. 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.

Since then, the churches are mostly open, though some have various degrees of restrictions; and so our altar bread sales have slowly begun to grow, though they are still far from pre-COVID levels.

We do not know what the future holds.

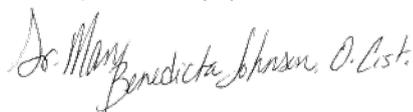
- If our sales remain low and never regain pre-COVID levels, then we would be eager to take on new customers. - If however, we take on more customers now only to have our previous customers eventually resume their pre-COVID order volumes, then we would have to let go some customers because we are not 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 decided to accept some new customers if they are willing to be on a provisional basis. If our preexisting customers' orders begin to regain their pre-COVID levels such that we are not able to keep up with production, we will have to ask some customers to take their business elsewhere, and the first ones we would ask would be the ones who are on a "provisional basis."

Clearly, this set-up would present some inconvenience for you as a customer, and so we understand if you would rather not purchase our breads under those conditions. In that case, we would encourage you to consider purchasing your altar breads from another religious community [[click here for a list](#)].

We are very grateful for your consideration and 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