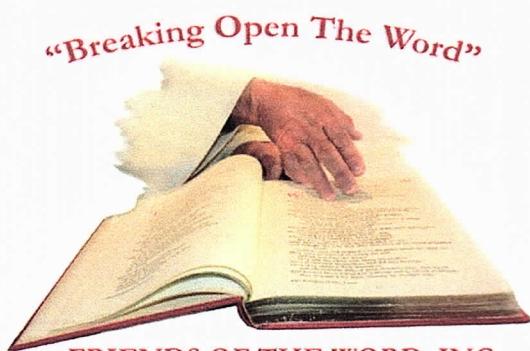


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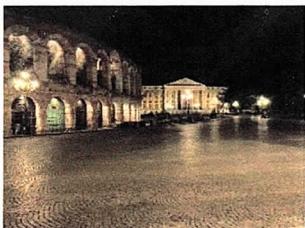
**No one was prepared for what we experienced in the Spring of 2020..whether it was called Covid-19, Coronavirus, (Chinese Virus), Pandemic, Epidemic or whatever other nomenclature there was in reference to our Spring experience of 2020....we were not ready for it.**



*Pope Francis blessing the World*

“Mass from Home” took on a new meaning...video conferencing, video chat, Zoom, Facebook Live, and numerous other platforms became our daily communications tool....not in the office only, but in homes, churches, residences and a variety of other locations! “Closed” became a term we were tired

of seeing...on restaurants, shops, schools, clubs and churches as well.



*<The Colosseum. Lonely streets, Rome*

All of our lives were changed...and we still do not know for how long. The ramifications of Covid-19 will be ongoing for years,

I am sure. Listening to daily briefings from the President, Governors, Mayors, Bishops, our local Pastors and Clergy became the norm, and will slowly wear out as time goes on. Gloves, masks, social-distancing, ventilators, ER's, overcrowded hospitals and healthcare workers became popular conversation topics! **Donations, charities, food sharing, home schooling and isolating**, became important words and events to live by.



*Navy Ship “Comfort” in NYC harbor (left)*

*A desolate Manhattan, during Isolation*