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I am writing to you late at night as I am about to celebrate the mass in Jerusalem at the church of the Holy Sepulcher— the church of the empty tomb of Jesus Christ!!!

You can't believe how excited I am to celebrate this mass here. It is in this place where Jesus came out of the tomb and conquered sin and death!!!

But, can I tell you, I am more excited still to come back to Belmont and share the experience with you all, my family.

I won't go on long here because I will share with you everything in my homilies on Sunday, and in the coming weeks. Just know that I have prayed for you on every stop along the way of our pilgrimage through the Holy Land.

I prayed for you on the Sea of Galilee. I prayed for you at the River Jordan. I prayed for you in the Garden of Gethsemane. I prayed for you in the Upper Room. I prayed for you in the Dead Sea. I prayed for you even on the bus as we journeyed as a big group of Christians trying to become more like Jesus himself.

Forgive my absence this week. You were not absent in my thoughts and prayers.

I love you as family.

God bless,
Fr. Jonathan