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These two weeks began very well with a visit from the first Navigare parents to come, Mr. and Mrs. Suddjian. They took trips to several cities and landmarks, including Toledo and Avila, later even so kind as to cook dinner for the community. Their return to the U.S. was unfortunately a little rushed due to the Coronavirus situation, which soon afterwards effected our year as well. One of the days closely following their departure we were told to pack our bags to leave the



city, destination pending. In the end, we went to the Disciples' house in Valencia, a seldom occupied residence usually only used during the Christmas break and for summer camps, but still perfectly



comfortable and functional. We were later notified that the city of Madrid had closed and that we can neither return nor can the brothers in Madrid come here.



But we are content here, the house being furnished with an orange orchard and a flat space sizable enough to play Ultimate Frisbee. We passed the first few days organizing and cleaning to make life a little more efficient, and now we have settled into a schedule of



prayer, study, and sports (plus a few movies) until we hear of a change in the situation. Whatever might be happening here, we are certainly not wasting away, as we have had several celebrations here, including three saints' days (those of Br. César, Calvin Farrell, and all the



many Josés or Joes in the community) and several gratuitous celebrations. The saint's day of Calvin took place on St. Patrick's day, and we entered into the Irish spirit as best we could, making a meat and potato centered dinner and drinking beer, as well as playing music (provided by Stephen, Fr. Luis, and myself). We have also been treated twice to paellas created by Fr. Luis, a man of many talents.

For those who might

not know, a paella is a very traditional Spanish dish made with a base of rice with meat and vegetables and cooked with a very specific contraption called a paellera. As we journey through this unique time, we ask for your continued prayers as we continue to pray for you.

