



Pastoral Letter for Easter 2020

Dear members and friends of our Christian Catholic Church :

For the first time, since the inception of my priesthood in 1976, I will not be celebrating Easter with the community due to the confinement required to fight the Covid-19. Although I am saddened, through this letter, I share with you the hope that lives in me because of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I take my inspiration from chapter 24 of the Gospel of Luke which is proclaimed at Easter. He invites us, in difficult times, not to lose perspective and the joy of living (Lk 24:16;32).

Luke tells us that the disciples of Emmaus no longer expected the deliverance that was promised to them (Jesus had been put to death, Lk 24:21). The fear of being persecuted had led them to move away from Jerusalem (Lk 24:13). Jesus was risen but, giving into despair and fear, they did not listen to the women who announced the good news to them (Lk 24:9-10). They felt as if they were separated from Christ while He was with them (Lk 24:16). He opened their eyes and made their hearts burning (Lk 24:31-32).

The words of Luke, who was a physician, can serve as reassurance during this time of pandemic. There is a remedy to soothe the sadness and the disturbance that we can feel (Lk 24:17;34) at this time; it is Jesus, our risen Lord. He gives us hope for better days.

May the celebration of Easter help us transcend confinement and anxiety by the assurance that Christ is alive and that we can, by Him, receive from God deliverance (Lk 24:21) and remain positive in these difficult times.

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