

Easter Sunday Reflections

Dear Friends

First of all I wish you all the blessings of this great Feast. Wish you a Happy Easter to you all. This is the most blessed night of the year and the greatest celebration of the Church. "The Easter story ends not with a funeral but with a festival. "Christmas is the promise, and Easter is the proof". Having asked the children if they knew the meaning of the resurrection, a little boy said, "I know that if you have a resurrection that last more than four hours you are supposed to call the doctor."

The Hebrews were saved when the blood of the Passover lamb was sprinkled on their homes but Christ the true Passover Lamb who ransomed us with his blood and whose blood consecrates our homes. The Hebrews wandered for forty years in the desert and finally entered Canaan. We wander in this life for many years and then hope to enter the Promised Land of Heaven. Therefore on this most blessed night we will resolve once more to leave sin behind and live in the grace of Christ as we will renew our baptismal promises holding our candles lit from the Paschal Candle which in turn was lit from the Easter fire a symbol of Christ risen.

The following caption was found on a gravestone... "As I am now, you soon shall be, so be content to follow me." Then someone taped the following note on that gravestone... "To follow you I'm not content, until I know which way you went! Jesus' resurrection

reminds us that there is life beyond the grave. It is a life eternal. This resurrection of Jesus was witnessed by no other than three persons namely: Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. They were the one who brought the good news to His apostles. They told the apostles that the tomb was empty and this is a proof that Christ is really raised from the dead. Second was St. Peter, the one who denied Jesus before his death. But when addressing the Jews, he appeals that “God raised this Jesus and of this we are witnesses.”

Third is the counter-testimony of the non-believers the guards. Mary is the supreme instance of one who went on loving and believing even when she could not understand; and indeed is the love and belief which in the end finds its glory. It was Mary, who loved Jesus so much, who was first at the tomb. She who was first to believe in the Resurrection. She was the first person to understand and believe that Jesus is Risen. Love gave her eyes to read the signs, and a mind to understand. Her spiritual eyes and ears were open and rewarded. What does our love for Christ impact? The Resurrection gives us a message to tell to the world. A message that sin had been paid for at the cross.

A message that we have a hope beyond the grave. It is message that we all will overcome the difficulties of the Corona Virus. The world will see the sun shining again. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, rolls away the stone that encloses us in darkness. He commissions us to go without fear and tell our brothers and sisters of the gift of life that is

offered through him. When we celebrate Easter, we are celebrating the fact that Christ is alive in our lives, that he is a living person for us, and that his life is experienced and revealed in many and various ways in our own lives. We are in truth called to be an "Easter people", because there are many Easter moments in our lives. When you feel like you are on the cross with Christ, remember that since his resurrection Christ is present everywhere. Christ is Risen! We will sing Halleluiah even though we are isolated or lockdown due to the Corona Virus pandemic. There is life beyond all darkens. There is life after the dark days.

I wish you again and gain all the blessings of the Easter.

Happy Easter.

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