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Easter Greetings

The celebration of Easter is the feast of new birth, new beginnings, salvation renewed, and humanity restored to the Lord. While it marks the end of Lent and Holy Week, it is much more a beginning.

It is the beginning of a new season of grace and a time of joy and thanksgiving. Easter is not one day or one solemnity—it is a fifty-day celebration.

The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday together comprise this great feast of Easter!

As we celebrate Easter and the mystery of Christ's Resurrection, one thing we know from Scripture is that, *if we are truly aware*, things look, feel, and are different after the Resurrection.

In Scripture, we are told:

“His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow.” (Matthew 28:3)

“Jesus drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.” (Luke 24:15-16) On the road to Emmaus, the disciples thought he was a stranger.

“Jesus said to her: Woman why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Mary didn't recognize Jesus, she thought he was the gardener. (John 20:15-16)

After the Resurrection, experiences and encounters appear different because they are different....

The entire Easter season is an opportunity for us to cultivate a spirit that defines who we are as Christians. So, what does living the Christian spirit of the Easter season mean in practical terms?

Here are three concrete suggestions.

Live with Joy

Joy is a deep-down gladness that cannot be taken away, even in the midst of sorrow. The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus teach us that suffering is transformed through faith in the Risen Christ. With this faith, we are able to hold on to an enduring sense of inner joy even in the midst of the sadness we experience from the loss of a loved one, a failure to achieve an important goal, a devastating diagnosis, a setback during recovery from an illness.

Live without Fear

The Resurrection teaches us that God can overcome anything, even death. When the Risen Christ appears to the women at the tomb and later to his disciples, his first words are “Do not be afraid!” (Mt 28:5,10). These words speak to our hearts helping us live in faith and cope with fear from the loss of a job, a serious illness, a crumbling relationship. Our faith allows us to trust that God can overcome our most serious problems, our most challenging situations.

Live with New Eyes

Easter means to live with a sense of newness. Just as the return of spring lifts our spirits and makes us feel like the whole world is new, the Resurrection of Jesus makes “all things new.” (Rev. 21:5). The Easter spirit is a spirit of renewal that enables us to show up at work with a positive attitude, to renew relationships that have been taken for granted, to express appreciation and affection to those closest to us, to reach out to those in need. It means to see the world through new eyes – through God's eyes.

We can use these 50 days to cultivate an Easter spirit that enables us to be truly Christian: embracing joy, living without fear, and seeing the world and the people around us again – as if for the first time.

As we celebrate the Season of Easter, we wish each of you an abundance of Easter blessings! As the light of Christ overcame the darkness of crucifixion and death, may you and your families be enlightened with this same divine light!

We ask our Resurrected Lord to gift you with the graces of Easter joy; with the gift of Easter faith, and with the delight of Easter sight.

May the eyes of your heart feast on the wonder of Easter spring as our world is resurrected with myriad species of birds, flowers of various colors and personalities, and fields alive with new life!

May you take an Easter moment to embrace with gratitude the sacrament of springtime which is only a glimpse of what is promised to us in the springtime of eternity.

This is the season the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad!

☪ Celebrating Birthdays in April ☪

Sr. M. P. Blanchard	4/15
Sr. M. E. Demeo	4/02
J. Mahfouz	4/03
Sr. R. Mier	4/28
O. Noel	4/17
L. Pitre	4/18

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