



# Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace

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## **Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord**

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Beloved Disciples of Christ,

### ***“ENVISIONING THE FUTURE”***

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

There is no doubt that we all aspire to the good things to come. Amid the many difficulties we experienced in the past, we look forward to a bright future. Equipped with knowledge and wisdom, we all can make things better from the worse and further the goodness of the past to make it even better, if not the best. To envision is a great quality every human being needs to have. It motivates or inspires anyone to keep the present truly life-enriching. But we cannot do this envisioning by ourselves. We need to draw inspiration from somewhere or someone, and this can only be brought about by the one who showed us the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ showed us how we can envision our future as He brought light that overcame darkness, the triumph of life over death, love over despair, and hope over fear. This is what Easter brings into our journey of life and faith. Jesus' Resurrection teaches us that every ending can lead to a beautiful new beginning. It encourages us to look forward with optimism and know that with faith, love, and compassion, we can overcome any obstacle in life. With His great mercy and forgiveness, we can rise from our stumbling life of sin and live a life filled with grace. It is through this that we share in the Resurrection of Jesus here and now and when that day and time will come to glory with Him in His Kingdom.

Christ's Resurrection assures us of what is given to us in faith and the hope of entering into His kingdom. His Resurrection also gives us the courage to face the many challenges we encounter today. His deep trust in the will of the Father moved Him to go through Suffering and Death, and so to rise from the dead. In the same spirit of deep faith and trust, we can go through our pains and difficulties. We are given a new vision of how we can go about with our lives day by day.

May this Easter fill your heart with peace, your mind with clarity, and your life with joy. Rejoice in the miracle of Resurrection and the endless possibilities that await us.

Jesus is Risen! Hallelujah to our Lord and Redeemer!

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual