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The Resurrection of the Lord

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Beloved Pilgrims of Hope,

Greetings of peace, love, joy and hope!

“Journeying in Hope: Living the Paschal Mystery”

It is with great joy that I wish you all a blessed and happy Easter. Let us savor the goodness of the Lord with renewed hearts and invigorated spirits.

The tomb where Jesus was buried was empty. The disciples testified that they had seen the Lord. We, a people of faith, have come to believe that indeed the Lord has risen. We prepared, relived Christ's journey, and celebrated with joy. Hallelujah is our song.

As we gather on this Easter Day, let us be thankful and praise Jesus for His life and love. His great act of sacrifice was once and for all a sign of His unconditional love and mercy. Christ overcame sin and death; Satan has been defeated. It is now time for the Light to shine through this darkened world and for us to live a new life in Him.

Christ's resurrection assures us of what is granted to us in faith and the hope of entering His kingdom. His resurrection also gives us the courage to face the many challenges we encounter today. After all the hardships He endured, what can we say in comparison to the difficulties we face now? His deep trust in the will of the Father moved Him to endure suffering and death, leading to His resurrection. In the same spirit of deep faith and trust, we can navigate our pains and difficulties.

The Jubilee Year of Hope that our Holy Father, Pope Francis, called us to celebrate is our response and our means of continuing the spirit of Jesus's Resurrection. Hope grounded in Jesus and relying on His grace offers us a glimpse of what we can expect in life, providing us with peace and joy amidst the difficulties we experience.

Journeying in Hope with Jesus gives us the comfort we need every day of our lives. Hope indeed does not disappoint when the sole source of our strength and inspiration is focused on Jesus. His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, known as the Paschal Mystery, motivates us to live anew in the ways of the Lord, rather than in the ways of this world that lead to hopelessness and despair.

We who celebrate these great mysteries of the Lord's love and mercy not only embrace them with hope but also share that hope with others, becoming a light and a steward of God's infinite love and grace.

We are charged with the task of giving testimony to the Risen Jesus. Let Him truly reign so that our world may evolve to reflect the Kingdom of God on earth.

May your Easter be filled with faith and hope, bringing great joy to you, your family, and your friends.

Your fellow pilgrim in hope,

Fr. Pascual