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5th Sunday of Easter

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Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

“Where the Risen Lord Leads, Life Begins”

Our voices still rise in the same joyful cry: Jesus is Risen, Alleluia! In that proclamation, something within us stirs, a reminder that even in a world full of noise, confusion, and competing directions, one voice still leads us to life.

We live in a time when so many influences try to shape our choices and define our worth. Our minds grow restless, our hearts unsettled. Often, in our frustration, we turn inward and say, “My life, my way.” Yet how often does that path leave us still wandering, searching for clarity, longing for peace? Perhaps it is because *my way* is not always the one that brings life.

These past Sundays have once again shown us the astonishing works of God in Jesus. He who suffered and died rose from the dead to break the power of sin and death. He who endured scourging, mockery, thorns, and the cross bore no bitterness in His heart. Like a gentle lamb, He offered His life so that we might have life in abundance. Like a shepherd, He calls us, leads us, and guides us toward the truth that frees and heals. Truly, He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

The burdens we carry can weigh heavily on us. The trials of these days, including the effects of war in the Middle East, the political turmoil in our nation, and natural disasters here and everywhere, affect us all. Yet even in this shared suffering, meaning can be found when we lift our eyes in faith toward the Lord. The way that leads to true life is His way, embracing each difficulty with courage, hope, and trust. The truth that sustains us is His truth, the Word spoken with authority, tenderness, and boldness. And the life He offers is filled with hope, peace, joy, and love.

Jesus revealed to His disciples everything they needed to believe. He spoke to them, walked with them, and ultimately gave His life for them. But His intention was never limited to those first followers. His gift is for all, for anyone willing to entrust their life to Him. The disciples’ only difference was that they surrendered everything to His hands. Can we allow ourselves to do the same?

As we continue on our journey through this Easter Season, may the joy of the Risen Lord take deeper root in our hearts. May we open ourselves to His presence so that our lives may become a living witness to His hope in the world today.

Your Friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual