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6th Sunday of Easter

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Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

“To Love and Keep His Commandments, Our Easter Call”

As we draw closer to the end of this blessed Easter Season, we find ourselves already on the Sixth Sunday of this great Season of Grace. Throughout these weeks, the Church has invited us to remain close to the Risen Lord and to deepen our awareness of His living presence among us.

In today’s Gospel, we return to the Upper Room, where Jesus speaks tenderly to His disciples at the Last Supper. Knowing that His visible time with them was ending, He lovingly calls them, and us, to remain faithful through love and obedience to His commandments. Yet His departure is not a loss. It is a promise fulfilled, for He assures us that He will remain eternally present by asking the Father to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to stay with us and guide us always.

From Easter Sunday to the present, the Lord has gradually revealed Himself more deeply to us through His appearances and teachings. These sacred moments have strengthened our faith, renewed our hope, and deepened our love for Him. In encountering the Risen Christ, we are reminded that God continues to walk with His people, speaking words of life and truth into our hearts.

At the same time, we cannot ignore the painful realities that surround us every day. We hear troubling accounts of violence, division, war, poverty, and the erosion of respect for human life and moral values. These experiences can leave us feeling overwhelmed, uncertain, and weary, as if the peace, love, and joy promised by Christ are distant ideals rather than lived realities.

Yet even amid these challenges, we are not without hope. God continues to raise up men and women who courageously embrace the Gospel and allow the Holy Spirit to guide their lives. Through them, the work of redemption begun by Jesus continues quietly yet powerfully. When we allow ourselves to be formed by the wisdom of the Advocate and shaped by the truth of the Gospel rather than by the world's changing values, real transformation becomes possible, both within us and in the world around us.

Jesus’ Passion, Death, and Resurrection have already secured victory over sin, evil, and death. The invitation now is for each of us to live as witnesses to that victory. We are called not only to believe in who Jesus is but also to allow His life and love to be reflected in our daily words and actions. In doing so, we affirm that Christ truly lives in us and continues His work of renewing the world and drawing it closer to the Kingdom of God.

The call may sound simple, to love Him and keep His commandments, but we know it is not always easy. Still, we are not left to face this call alone. The Advocate remains with us, teaching us the truth, strengthening our resolve, and giving us the courage to love as Jesus loved. With trust in the Holy Spirit, may we continue this Easter journey with hearts open to grace, confident that God is always at work within us.

Your Friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual