



“The Lord is Risen indeed” (Lk 24:34)

Dear brothers,

Wish you the joy of Easter!

This is the second Easter that we celebrate with COVID restrictions, though this time with less panic and fear. An unknown adversary is far more threatening than a known one. From a human perspective, death is the invincible enemy and enigma of all time. We have been very closely present to the reality of suffering and death of fellow humans during this pandemic times. In relation to other years, more Claretians have been called to the Father's house during this time, although not all of them are victims of the pandemic. At the General Curia, the remembrance of our deceased confreres has become a regular event this year.

Without the light of Easter, we have no way to make sense of suffering and death. When it comes to life and death, we humans we are capable of inflicting suffering and destroying life, but we have no power to give life. I think of the enormous amount of human violence taking place every day in our planet. Fortunately, we have before us the path of the incarnate Word who revealed the immense love of God and the promise of everlasting life (cf. Jn 3:16), and the “necessity” of Christ to suffer and so enter into his glory (cf. Lk 24:26). With the Risen Lord walking with us, suffering and death cannot threaten us to silence and submission. In the Pasqual event we encounter the Risen Lord who gives life, life in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10) and that we can be God’s hands to nurture the life of others and of creation.



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Just as sin and death
are allies, love and life
go together. There is no
greater love than laying
down one's life for
one's friends (Jn 15:13).

In this Easter, let us

renew our commitment to be instruments of peace and love wherever we
are present. Rooted in the Risen Lord, we shall be audacious in our missions.

Let us rejoice and be glad for God is present in us and amidst us.

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