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Dear Sisters,

We are at the threshold of Easter, A feast of humility I would consider. Easter, the heart of our Christian faith is essentially significant as we celebrate this feast with the entire Church. May we rejoice with integrity and truth of what we learn through grace to "see and believe" in the power of the resurrection which requires the practice of humility. If we boast about anything let it be about our growth in humility as we have come to believe in the mystery of rising from the dead. May no one rob our hearts of the hope of rising anew with our Lord Jesus.



Pope Francis says, "The sorrowful silence at the start of Easter Sunday should not be overlooked. It is quite telling. The Gospels insist that Christ's disciples resisted the notion that he had risen from the dead. If Jesus had indeed spoken of this before his death, it had left very little impression on them...each of them had to be won over to what had happened in the darkness. What did happen? Within the tomb, no one can say. But...we can say this 'The tomb was empty.' There could have been no possible talk of resurrection with a body still in the grave."



Christ is alive! We need to keep reminding ourselves of this, because we can risk of seeing Jesus Christ simply as a fine model from the distant past, as a memory, as someone who save us two thousand years ago. But, He is the Christ, risen from the dead, the one who fills us with his grace, the one who liberates us, transforms us, heals and consoles us, He is fully alive. Because he lives, there can be no doubt that goodness will have the upper hand in our life and all our struggles will prove worthwhile. St. Paul says that he wishes to be one with Christ in order "to know him and the power of his resurrection" (Phil 3:10) I believe that Christ is in our lives too, for he came to give us life and life in abundance. In our own practice of "seeing and believing" in the resurrection, it might be helpful to deflate our ego in the spirit of sincerity and truth so that the spirit of humility increases in us. May

the Holy Spirit draws us ever deeply into the heart of Christ, so that we can grow in his love, his life and his meekness.

Wishing each one of you a very happy Easter. May your Easter basket be filled with joy, happiness, and peace this season and always! Have a wonderful celebration of Easter in your community.

With blessings of the Risen Lord

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