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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Greetings of Peace and Hope!

On Holy Thursday, we celebrate the ceremony of the “Washing of the Feet” and the “Last Supper” of Jesus with His disciples. On this day, Jesus gathered the disciples, washed each one's feet as a sign of service, and instituted the memorial of His presence in the Eucharist through the sharing of bread and wine. The Paschal Triduum begins—3 days in which the Church celebrates the mystery of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus.

Holy Thursday is a day to wash one another's feet, to share the supper of communion with gestures of fraternal closeness as we celebrate the “Eucharist.” On Good Friday, we commemorate Jesus' self-giving in His death on the Cross.

It is a day of prayer and true fasting, a day to embrace the “Crucified One” and the crucified ones of today's world who suffer due to various realities of war, injustice, and lack of love.

Holy Saturday is a day of silence and of being with Mary, the mother of Jesus, who endures the death of her Son on the Cross and keeps in her heart the trust and hope of a new dawn.

On the night of this Saturday, during the Easter Vigil, light breaks forth from the darkness. **Jesus is Risen!**

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the mystery of Life that triumphs over death and evil.

The stone sealing the tomb has been rolled away. Jesus is no longer in the tomb. **He has risen!**

Through the Resurrection, life is restored, injustices are overcome, peace is reestablished, and darkness does not prevail. The feast of communion takes place and opens new paths of commitment to the fullness of life promised by Jesus: *“I came so that they may have life and have it in abundance”* (Jn 10:10).

With love, I wish you a blessed Easter celebration—deep in your hearts, your minds, your lives, and your mission.

May the stones be rolled away and may the Feast of Paschal Communion truly take place.

Let us remain united, as pilgrims of hope and resurrection!

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