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## He Is Risen!

**My dear Brothers and Sisters,**

I greet you with love and affection during Holy Week when we celebrate in union with the whole Church the mysteries of our faith.

We are a people made holy by the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. As we relive these saving events, we express who we are as a Church, and are strengthened to become more faithful to the gift of new life which we share.

Loving fidelity is the gift and call of Easter. We are to be loving as Jesus was loving; we are to be faithful as He was faithful.

And so we cannot celebrate Easter without an active and concrete concern for the poor among us who lack the basic necessities of life. Easter cannot live fully in us if we do not fight racism in all its forms. The feast is empty unless it is for us a living and persistent challenge to be merciful.

Reconciler. Peace-maker. Obedient even unto death. Jesus was all of these. If Easter lives in us, we will never be content to be less.

May all that we celebrate in Word and Sacrament this week shape us more perfectly in the image of the risen Lord.

I wish you His peace. Your brother in Christ,

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