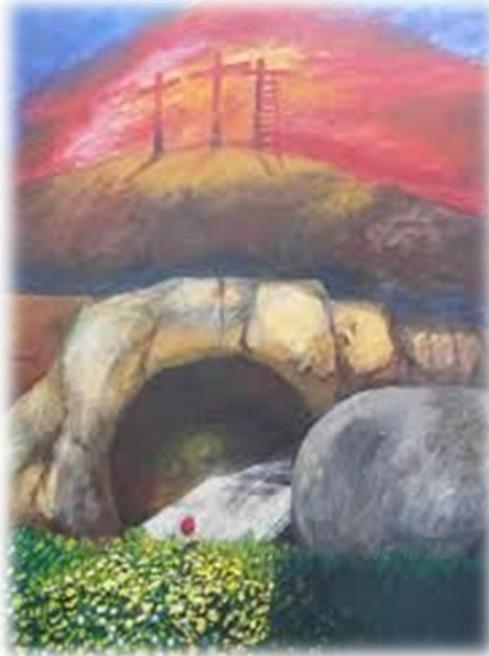


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“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song” (St. John Paul II)



It is said that the evidence of Jesus’ resurrection was the empty tomb and His various appearances. However the greatest proof of Jesus’ resurrection is the courage, unbounded joy, deep faith and conviction of the apostles and His disciples who deserted Him for the fear of their lives.

The resurrected Christ take the role of consoler, healer, counsellor, nurturing mother, miracle worker and the one who challenges to deeper faith. He ignites the fire of His love and burns their hearts with zeal as He takes them back to the foundational experience of God’s love and intervention in their lives. May it be at the shore of Tiberius, road to Emmaus, closed rooms- He empowers them through His transcendent presence.

He crosses the barriers of space and time through His resurrection; He lives in every heart, for every truth seeking soul, He is the enlightenment and is actively present in the world through every

compassionate gesture and loving service by His followers.

As we experience the joy of this resurrected presence of Jesus, Let us ask ourselves in which way am I going to celebrate this great mystery of Easter?

Which are those dead areas of my life I need to place before the Lord so that I too may experience the resurrected Christ in my life?

What are those concrete gestures through which I can spread the hope and faith of Easter?

Let us learn from St. Raphaela Mary – her style of living the resurrection of Jesus in the most painful moments of her life- a woman who never gave up on hope because her hope was deep rooted in the faith and love of Her God.

With Love and friendship,

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