

Holy Saturday is a day of “silence” – a silence between the pain of death and hope of resurrection. A day filled with the memories of the brutal death of her Son, surrounded



with the fearful apostles who are weighed down by pain, fear and guilt, and above all a day of stillness where she let the awareness sweeps in that she will no more see her 33 year old Son; a day which rains down the incessant flow of memories from His conception to His end – a day of experiencing the “sword” piercing through her soul.

What makes Mary different from others is that she “ponders” every mystery of her Son in her heart. She believes Him –His words and His promise of resurrection. Every hope comes with a responsibility and “calling” towards the “fulfillment of the hope”. Mary assumed that responsibility of continuing her Son’s mission by gathering together His disciples and waiting for the out pouring of the Spirit. She invites us to hold on to that Christian hope which hopes against all odds.

As we live through one of the most difficult time of history we need to choose “hope” in every seeming “death” around us.

CORONA	VACCINE
<i>Migrants</i>	<i>Health workers</i>
<i>Wars</i>	<i>Police force</i>
<i>Deaths</i>	<i>Social workers</i>
<i>Poverty</i>	<i>Counsellors</i>
<i>Unemployment</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>
<i>Illiteracy</i>	<i>People who reach out with food and medicine</i>
<i>Mal nutrition</i>	<i>Providing a roof and shelter</i>
<i>Hunger</i>	<i>Nurturing the mother earth</i>
<i>Depression</i>	<i>Various religious institutes reaching out to the people in need</i>
<i>Loneliness</i>	
<i>Exploited environment</i>	

Between every hope and depression lies a FREEDOM of choice. It’s our freedom to choose if we want to hold on to Hope like Mary assuming the responsibilities of life or let ourselves succumbed to the death of hopelessness and pessimism. We will show by the way we live with whom we stand.

With Love and friendship,

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