



# Easter

a renewal of *faith*, a revival of *hope*,  
and a resurrection of *joy*—all because of *Jesus!*

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My dear friends,

As springtime renews the earth and we approach Easter, it is my joy to share with you an inspirational booklet called "What is Easter all about," and an exceptional pamphlet titled "Holy Week, Simple Ways to Walk with Jesus."

Holy Week is the most sacred time of year for Catholic Christians. During this special time, we enter into the passion of Christ – his crucifixion, death, and resurrection – through liturgical celebration and personal conversion. As we read the pages of the pamphlet we will renew our faith that "Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God, principally through his paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life."

In the booklet we find a deeper meaning of Easter. Reaffirmed by historical significance, we are led to our Lifelong Faith Formation journey: from death to life, from darkness to light, from doubt to faith, from absence to presence, from sorrow to joy, and from fear to courage.

May the profound truth of the resurrection strengthen us to witness the Gospel of life and love.

From my heart I thank you so much for your love of Christ and His Church, your selfless way of living, the generosity of your spirit, and your joy of knowing eternal life.

On behalf of the entire pastoral staff, I wish you a blessed Easter season.

All of us are people of Easter joy!

Your brother,

Fr. Walter