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President's Column

"He is Risen, just as He said." (Mt 28:6)

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Easter! Rejoice and give thanks, for He is risen from the dead. Alleluia!!!

In response to this remarkable proclamation, we "sing joyfully to the Lord…with songs of praise…to the rock who saves us," (Psalm 95) for through the Paschal Mystery of our Lord Jesus Christ, we have been set free from slavery to sin, Satan and death and "God has reconciled Himself to us through Christ." (2 Cor 5:18)

This reconciliation of humanity with divinity has set our freedom free (Gal 5:1) to respond with supernatural faith and hope to Christ's new commandment – to love one another as He has loved us. (John 13:34) As new creations in Christ and in humble submission to the Father's will, we are empowered to share the merciful love of God with others and continue His mission of reconciliation. (2 Cor 5:18)

Today, this has particular significance for those called to ministry in Catholic healthcare due to the devastating consequences of our secular culture's influence undermining the medical profession's commitment to the sanctity of life and human dignity. It has never been more important for all involved in healthcare ministry to act as witnesses to the love and compassion of

Jesus Christ for all those suffering from emotional, physical or spiritual illness. We are called to be channels of God's healing mercy to those we serve through our care, prayer and personal accompaniment.

Before His Ascension, Jesus commissioned the disciples to go forth to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom and to heal the sick. (Lk 9:5) He promised He would remain with us until the end of the world (Mt 28:20) and as head of His Mystical Body, the Church, He provides through her sacraments all that we need to continue the mission.

Admittedly, the privilege and responsibility we have been given by God to continue the healing ministry of Christ is a profound mystery and formidable task. Only in the knowledge that He will remain with us can we, in our frailty and with our faults, muster the courage and confidence to persevere in the work of restoring a culture of life in the vocation of Catholic healthcare by living Christ (Gal 2:20) in service to Christ. (Mt 25:40)

As we celebrate the Resurrection with great joy and hope throughout the Easter season, please join us in praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, that with His gifts we might bear His fruits in our humble, faithful service to the sick.

God Bless,
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