



PASTORAL LETTER – APRIL 2022

Dear friend,

As we explore quietly and cautiously the ways in which we can live in this post-COVID or COVID world, we are reminded that Easter is God’s invitation for us to start all over again.

To be able to start again is a cause for rejoicing. We have been isolated from each other, cloistered behind walls, and covered in masks. Easter reminds us, as Saint Paul said, that, “...*Old things are passed away; behold; all things are become new*” (2nd Corinthians 5:17).

What a blessed message! What a glorious relief it is to know that we can exercise prudence and remain vigilant, and still live life with the expectation that something good is going to happen to us.

This does not minimize the fact that the pandemic was and remains a source of legitimate concern. Personally, there were times during the pandemic when I was tempted to pinch myself to see if I was still alive. It was a scary and harrowing period. By God’s grace, we have endured and stumbled through the worst aspect of this global pandemic. But the Easter message reminds all of us who are desperate for newness and change that we can start all over again.

Think about it. If God can raise Jesus Christ from the dead—have his body spring back to life in a dark, cold, enclosed tomb, and have that body emerge into the radiant light—then maybe, just maybe, God can do the same for us.

The resurrected Christ offers a new creation. The resurrected Christ offers an opportunity to start all over again.

May Easter provide us with the vision and momentum to experience something new within us and within the world! I look forward to worshipping with you on Easter Sunday, either in person or through our [Facebook page](#).

He is Risen!

Pastor Luis
