

## A PASTORAL MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER

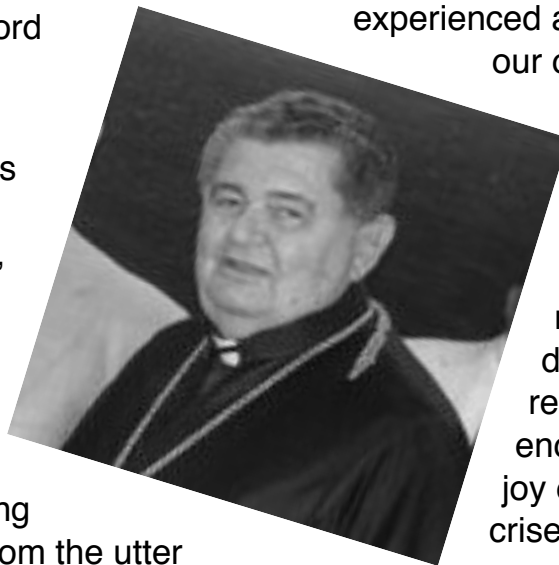
### HAPPY EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

In a few weeks we will , once again, celebrate Easter, the Feast of feasts and the Festival of festivals, the Day which speaks of the living God and tells the a story of men who are not immortal, men who die, but upon whom God bestows the promise of eternal life through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

EASTER proclaims the triumph of life over death, of love over hate, of forgiveness over the forces of evil. In the resurrection of Jesus God revealed once and for all His magnificent power to bring forth the absolute best from the utter worst.

The resurrection was not an isolated event. The miracle of miracles we celebrate and call Easter is none other than our heritage as Christians. It is the pledge and promise of the eternal life, the never-ending love which is ours in Christ Jesus.

The Easter event makes Jesus our contemporary. He is not an ancient figure buried in a rock hewn tomb outside



Jerusalem. His bones are not to be found for observation and speculation. He is not some memory to be known only by reading the history books. The tomb is empty. His resurrection makes Him present to those who have the eyes of faith. He is present to us in the Sacraments, in the reading of of the Word, the moments of silent meditation and prayer, and the fellowship of the faithful. He is a present reality to be experienced at the deepest levels of our openness to and love for Him

There come moments in life when each of us experience fear, mourning, disappointment. Jesus' resurrection gives us hope enough, love enough and joy enough to answer these crises Because of Jesus we are no longer dying of death.

Easter invite us to a new and glorious, never-ending life. The Risen Lord invites us to triumph over loss and pain.

He offers us victory over darkness and despair. Beyond our greatest dreams, all of life is ours for ever. Let us partake of it.

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Fr. Peter