

Easter Sunday 2019

Jesus Christ has Risen, Indeed, He has Risen, Trampling down death, by His own death; He has led death away captive. He rises to die no more! Oh Death where is thy sting, Oh death where is thy victory!

My beloved brothers and sisters, this is the great Easter Proclamation resounding throughout the whole of the World this night. Even where Christians are being killed by the dozens this night, even where they are being led captive to be tortured into submission by regimes hateful of Christianity, even where young children, mothers and fathers are being martyred for their faith, the cry goes out to all the earth: Jesus Christ has Risen. Alleluia, Alleluia, and our death has been vanquished! Alleluia, Alleluia! The ancient evil one has been delivered into Tartarus! Alleluia! Alleluia! In Him who has died and is now Risen, we are victorious and now Rise and live with Him! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evil had its way with God's anointed one, the Messiah, and Jesus' utter defeat has been transformed into irresistible Victory. The Cross now stands at the Arch of Time as the Banner of Victory. The evil one tried to destroy the Messiah of God, and exhausted its arsenal of vitriol, hatred, injustice, humiliation and pain; and now, Jesus' tortured Body stands forever as our source of victory over sin and death. You who are about to be baptized, this night, you will be united with Him in His Victory and His pledge of His eternal life!

Tonight, Jesus pledges to all of us, even in the midst of the great evils now haunting the Catholic Church, even in the midst of the great darkness more and more possessing the world: "I am who am; I will remain with you forever! I will never leave you! The worst that has ever been done, was done, and yet, I have conquered sin, and death and evil! You who are baptized and who believe in me, who stake your lives upon me- you share already in my Eternal Victory!"

Jesus did not appear in His Resurrection to those who tortured Him, imprisoned Him, or executed Him. He appeared to those who loved Him and believed in Him. He appeared in the brightest of lights, which has left its indelible testimony in the Shroud of Turin and the Veil which covered His face, in which the very molecules

of the Cloth were changed, and now stand as a silent testimony to the Power of the Divine Love! They testify: He is Risen, He is alive, right now, forever! This Eucharist which He left as the perpetual living memorial of His Infinite Ocean of Love and Mercy testify, I am ready to give to all men and women, sinners all, my pledge of Love and Mercy, my very Self! In time, I will reveal Myself to you, just as I did to Mary of Magdala, and the other women who came to the Tomb in sorrow, but went away in awe and wonder. I will reveal Myself to you as I did to all of my Apostles and Disciples, who were filled with awe and wonder, even as they peered upon my Risen Body, and my Glorious wounds. To you who hope in me, believe in me, who stake your lives in me, who strive to live in me; I pledge to you my Eternal love and Mercy, and you will live with me in Eternity!