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An Easter Blessing from Father Brian

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all my blessing for a most joyous Easter. May God bless you and your families on this most Holiest of occasions. It is hard to believe that a year ago this Easter we were huddled in our homes not knowing what the future would bring. My brother Priests and I celebrated Easter alone in the church, something I never thought I would see. Indeed, we have had a strange and dark year. Yet, in the darkness, Easter has come again and we are filled with joy for all that God has given us!

Our Liturgical exuberance at Easter is intended to draw us anew into a joyful appreciation of the promise of new life. *"Christ's Resurrection changes everything,"* the Church seems to proclaim, *"even the way we look at sin and death."* Easter is a day of hope reborn, of courage renewed. Good Friday was a day but Easter is forever! The church asks us to renew our baptismal promise to reject evil and to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church. What a gift we are given!

I offer you a prayer as we are called forth to live faithfully as disciples of Christ's Church today. We pray:

"Almighty God, by the cross and resurrection of Jesus, you set us free from sin and death. May we live each day in the hope of dying to sin with Him in order to be raised to life everlasting with Him. During this Easter season, give us a new appreciation of the mystery and gift of the life Jesus has won for us. Open our hearts to one another as we prepare for the coming of the Spirit, not only at Easter, but in each moment of our lives. Amen."

Fa. Brian