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Peace be with you!

Dear Sisters and Laity Co-Responsible for the Cabrinian Mission,

May the Peace of Christ be with you!

On the eve of the celebration of the mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, I am writing to you to encourage you on the inner journey of daily conversion to a life of prayer, reconciliation and unity, hope and peace for the mission.

The Easter Mystery is the experience of life overcoming death. And in the context of a world bombarded by wars, misery, hatred, violence, various kinds of abuse and the evil that oppresses people's lives, we are called to the path of light that conquers evil.

Saint Cabrini always repeated Saint Paul's motto "*I have strength for anything through him who gives me power*" (Phil 4:11-13). For her, the strength for conversion and resurrection lies in God and in the power of prayer. This is the year of prayer! Let us ask God for the grace of a profound conversion, recognizing that we are human beings and that, as part of being human, we are sinners. This is the Easter journey. Let us allow God to transform us, to enlighten us, so that our gestures and actions are signs of the Resurrection of Jesus.

I invite each and every one of you to a time of personal prayer before the cross of Christ. As Pope Francis said (General Audience of March 31, 2021) "*The Cross of Christ is the sign of hope that does not disappoint*".

- I invoke the Holy Trinity.
- I take a moment of silence.
- I focus my gaze on the Cross of Christ.
- I reflect: What is the face of Christ today?
- I allow myself to live this moment of abandonment to God.
- I surrender the sins of humanity to God.
- I recognize my fragility and place it in God's hands.
- I trust that God will purify me.
- I ask God for forgiveness.
- I pray for the people I have offended. In inner silence, I ask for their forgiveness.

- I pray for the people who have offended me. In inner silence, I grant them my forgiveness.
- I give thanks for the mercy and new life that God is giving me.

I believe that this personal encounter with Christ will illuminate our lives for a Happy Easter in the family, at work, in the community and everywhere.

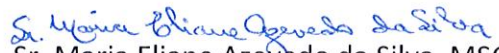
On Easter Sunday, let us sing Hallelujah! Jesus is Risen! Let us rejoice! Hallelujah!

Like Mary Magdalene, let us follow the road of life witnessing "*I have seen the Lord*"

(Jn 20:11-23). Let us be witnesses to the Resurrection!

Happy and Holy Easter!

With affection and unity in mission,


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