



## *Servants of Mary*

*... creating hope through compassion*

*April 2021*

*Easter • Pâques • Ostern*  
*• Pasaka • Πάσχα •*  
*Pascha • Pascua de*  
*Resurrección • Pasqua*  
*• ve'konočné sviatky •*  
*Uskrs • Cásca •*  
*hope • espérer • hoffen*  
*• nádej • speranza •*  
*esperanza • matumaini •*  
*dóchas • hâp*

*In company with Mary  
standing at the foot of the cross,  
we wish to be present especially  
to the suffering, the poor,  
the oppressed,  
that they may experience  
the hope and peace  
which radiates in each of us.*

*- Constitution #71  
(adapted)*

It is time to celebrate. Hope is very much on the horizon and we eagerly look forward to many reasons to celebrate.

Easter! The Servants of Mary hope to be among the first to wish you many Easter blessings. The risen Jesus is with us, in the Word, the Eucharist, in our shared meals and in the community, but also in the stranger, the outcast, the alien and the poor. If we welcome them, we will encounter Jesus, and like the disciples, our hearts will burn within us and our eyes will be opened to God's presence. This is what it means for us to call ourselves Easter people.

Our Easter liturgy will be more celebratory than usual and that is difficult to imagine because Easter is the greatest feast in the liturgical year. This year, at the Easter Sunday celebration Sr. M. Monique Masiki Musondoli will profess her perpetual vows. As you may remember, Sr. Monique is a member of our Congolese community and has spent the past 18 months at the Motherhouse studying English, theology, scripture and computer science. She will be returning to Congo as soon as the borders open.

After the long, painful year of separation and suffering of so many, I have been reflecting on many reasons to be hopeful. We are able to be together again for liturgy and meals. So many in our country have been vaccinated. And you, our dear friends, have been so faithful to us in countless ways. Your presence in our lives is both a gift and a privilege. Thank you for showing up to share life with us.

And remember, we are only a phone call away:

- *For the St. Peregrine ministry call Sr. Linda Hess at 402-951-3092.*
- *For prayer requests, call us at 402-951-3068.*
- *For counseling and spiritual direction, call Sr. Margaret Stratman at 402-951-3026.*

I would like to close this letter with a brief reflection:

May you enter the wonder and mystery of Easter  
May you feel the turning away from  
Tombs of doubt and despair,  
Paths with dead ends and shattered dreams.

May you know a strong and gentle turning toward  
new hopes, renewed energy and clear direction.

May your Easter and spring  
Be beautiful, soul-expanding,  
Life affirming and world changing.

- Author unknown



Blessings on your Easter, your loved ones and the slow, but sure signs of spring.

Gratefully,

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