

Saturday, March 19, 2016

Dear Friend in Christ,

Holy Week is upon us. We've made our Lenten journey together and now we prepare to mark the most holy and solemn days in the liturgical year in anticipation of the joyous celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter.

These days have even greater meaning for us in 2016, as they come in a year in which our Church observes a Jubilee Year of Mercy. Pope Francis called for this extraordinary jubilee to help us remember the great mercy shown to us by God, whose only Son suffered and died for our salvation. The Pope also invites us to share that mercy with others, most especially those most in need.

The liturgies that will be offered this week are among the most beautiful and powerful of the year. It is my prayerful hope that you will be able to experience them and carry with you throughout the year their message of hope, love, and redemption. I also pray you'll be inspired to share in the corporal and spiritual works of mercy throughout this Jubilee Year.

May this Holy Week and Easter be a blessed time for you and those you love, and may God's mercy be upon each of us, now and always.

Faithfully in Christ,

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