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Dear Family in Christ,

A most happy, joyous and blessed Easter to you and your loved ones!!! It may seem odd to be promoting celebration at this time when we can't even celebrate Easter Sunday Mass in our churches, gathered together as God's people in His Church. But isn't the celebration, what Jesus came to offer in the midst of our sacrifices in life. As Jesus hung upon the Cross, the victory of the Cross as we Catholics call it. As Jesus hung upon the Cross, he was also offering us the greatest symbol of hope in our lives.

That the destructive nature of sin in our world does not get the final say, nor does sin's emptiness erase the seal that God places upon our soul. In the waters of Baptism and through to Eternity. By the power and love of the Resurrection, Jesus Christ calls us to always bring hope. We may not have been able to physically be together, or to physically see and receive the Eucharist at this Easter. But let us remember the words of our Savior. "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Let us continue to be believers, the practice our common priesthood, by watching and participating in the Mass upon media, praying the rosary as a family, reading and praying from the Scriptures. Let us not let the devil steal away our faithfulness through this challenging time. Our faith is certainly being tested. May we use this time to ensure our faithfulness ever more in the Lord's promises, and never allow ourselves to be led astray. The devil counts on our giving up. May we continue to offer our prayers and love for one another, to continue to offer our faith for one another. And may this time of quarantine and sacrifice come to end, that we may fully appreciate all that has truly been given to us.

Because He is risen!!! He is truly risen!!! May almighty God bless you, The Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Rosenbaum.