

Dear << Salutation >>,

April 4, 2025

Grace and peace be with you.

As the season of Lent draws to an end and we draw closer to the joy of Easter, it fills me with a profound hope rooted in the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our new life in Christ is the heart of our faith: no darkness is too deep, no challenge too great for the light of Christ to triumph.

Easter reminds us that we are a people of hope, bearing that hope in our lives and the world. Here in the Diocese of La Crosse, we see this hope alive in our parishes, where families gather to worship, where we teach the faith, and where we help our people grow in Christian virtue. We see it in our schools, where we form young minds in Truth and love, and in our ministries, where the lonely, the struggling, and the forgotten will find care and timely aid. When we serve and support these ministries, we are Christ's co-workers, His hands, and our ministries his healing touch.

This work of hope relies on each one of us. I invite you to join me in our Diocesan Annual Appeal, "For we are Co-workers..." Your generous support is not simply a donation; it's a vital part of our shared mission to do as Christ commanded: proclaim the Gospel, make disciples, celebrate the sacraments, and serve those in need. Your contributions directly fund our parishes, schools, and ministries, enabling us to fulfill with you Christ's mandate. Whether it is a gift of \$25, \$100, or more, every contribution, no matter the size, is a significant step towards bringing the light of the Resurrection to those in need. Your contribution is a cipher, a testament to your faith and commitment to our shared mission.

Let us respond to the good news of his triumph and celebrate the Risen Lord with our faith, talents, and treasure. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge or a one-time gift to the Appeal or, better yet, sign up to be a Sustaining Supporter of the Appeal. Together, we can ensure that the hope of Christ continues to flourish in our communities—not just this Easter but throughout the year. Our work of hope is ongoing and needs your sustained support; your continued support allows your share of the mission to move forward locally and globally.

You may return the enclosed pledge card or visit diolc.org/coworker to make your gift securely online. Your past contributions have been a source of great strength and hope for our community. We are deeply grateful for your support and its impact on our shared mission.

I ask each of us to take part in our missionary pivot by inviting a family member, a friend, or a neighbor to join you in the hope-filled celebration of our Risen Lord this Easter. Let us extend the palm frond of Jesus' triumph to our neighbor and those who do not yet know of God's tremendous love.

May the hope of the Resurrection fill your home with joy, and may God bless you abundantly. I am truly yours in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the Chaste Heart of St. Joseph.