



## **Message from the RC Local Director**

### **A LENTEN MESSAGE: HOPE & FRATERNITY**

Greetings, Regnum Christi members and friends!

Greetings and best wishes for Lent 2021, dear Regnum Christi members and friends! We are entering our second Lent during the pandemic due to Covid-19, as you are well aware, and I want to reassure you that Regnum Christi will continue to accompany you during this time.

Generosity and commitment are the works that we build together. I think that is something that the activities of our Lenten time and also the Holy Week will provide for us -- a time to get closer to Christ above all. **We are called to have a closer friendship with Jesus** in order to see our friendships or relationship with others in the light of Christ. So that we really will be able **to offer fraternity and offer hope to other people** because we ourselves live in that atmosphere. Given our friendship with Christ, given our increased life of prayer and improved life of prayer and of course it would be lovely to receive the sacraments but it has been a challenge now.

It is also good to mention that we're offering **Sunday Masses at Everest at 10:00 a.m. every week**. There is a committee of RC volunteers who are working quite hard to make those Sunday Liturgies as beautiful as they can be even though they are online. We can accommodate 24 guests for each mass. **Fr. Luis Lorenzo, L.C. also celebrates masses at 11:30 a.m.** also at the *Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel* in Everest Academy Manila. We have all those opportunities to participate in the Holy Eucharist.



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We will have a repeat of the activities that Betty Rivera, CRC helped organize for the Lenten Season and Holy Week. We will have the *Visita Iglesia* and the Stations of the Cross. We will also have the different Liturgies of Holy Week, both online and in-person.

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Finally, I would like to present a brief spiritual message for this Lent 2021, drawing upon Pope Francis’s recent preaching, and using two word pairs. Brotherhood and Hope is the first pair, taken from Francis’s October 2020 encyclical letter *Fratelli Tutti*, “Brothers All”. The pandemic affords us a little more time and a little more silence than normal, which allows us to consider things differently, to try to filter other people, and their needs, through the heart of Christ, so that we see them first and foremost as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, instead of always taking the measure of our own priorities. And Hope is precisely what we give to others as we treat them as brothers and sisters in Christ, because they see that they are not alone, that another cares for them and is supporting them in their time of need. Hope also grows in us as we transmit it, because God makes that virtue grow in us even as we exercise it!

The second pair of words is Generosity and Commitment. Generosity is what I do when I consider others as brothers and sisters in Christ, because I realize that the Lord calls me to give what I have to those in need, whether the giving takes the form of material assistance, or a listening ear and heart. Commitment means that I decide to put my love into action, and that I am not content with allowing my faith and my belief in God and his mercy and salvation to be warm fuzzy feelings that have no impact on the real world of the men and women around me.

Count on my prayers for a happy and holy Lent 2021, brothers and sisters in Regnum Christi, and may it be your most fruitful yet!

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