

"The Messiah had to suffer and rise again on the third day"
(Luke 24: 35-48)

Sometimes when rewatching classic films, these give us insight into feelings and movements of our present reality. In the movie "**El Padrecito**" there is a scene where the young priest confronts the mayor when he wants to impose his old law. The mayor suggests that he follows a dead God, Cantinflas (the actor playing the priest) replies that Christians follow "**the Risen Christ.**" The truth yesterday, today, tomorrow and always is that we are a people who **live Easter**. We are therefore called to testify that Christ **lives** and that with His Resurrection he has brought us eternal life.

On Easter Sunday we renew our baptismal promises. Our confession of faith leads us to renounce sin and proclaim life that has no end. May this Easter season be an incentive to proclaim with works and words that we believe in the One who rose for our salvation.

The book of the Acts of the Apostles tells us of Peter's preaching in the Temple. The prince of the apostles promises forgiveness of sins to those who **repent** and convert to the message of Jesus. The apostle John promises the primitive Christian community God's love to those who keep his commands. Together with the message of the apostles, the Gospel shows us a risen Jesus who **accompanies, walks with** and makes himself **visible** to his disciples and even entrusts them to announce his message to all people. Today his command is the same for everyone who follows The Way.

Repentance and forgiveness as well as the knowledge of God and the fulfillment of his commands go hand in hand. Believers who have experienced God's goodness, who know God's mercy, and who have felt his love **want** to keep his commands. If we are faithful to God's commands, the desire to be good and do good will increase in our lives. Faith in the Risen Christ encourages us every day to fill the world with the fruits of his

love that translates into a faith that fights for justice, encourages the helpless and encourages those who are heartbroken. **How do you let faith in Christ change your life?** For Christians, the Resurrection of Christ marks a before and after that is synthesized in the phrase "**they recognized him in the breaking of bread.**" Every time we create community through the **Bread** and the **Word**, we proclaim brotherhood with all peoples. How can we wait to share that joy?

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*"**Seeing, remembering and telling** are the three verbs that describe identity and mission. The witness is one who has **seen** a reality and has been involved by the event. That is why he **remembers**, not only because he knows how to accurately reconstruct the events that occurred, but also because those events have spoken to him and he has grasped the deep meaning. Then the witness **tells**, not in a cold and distant way but as one who has allowed himself to be questioned and since that day has changed his life."*

(Pope Francis).