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Dear CMI Koodappirappukal,

Happy and Blessed Easter! May the Risen Lord fill our hearts with a joy that no one can take away (cf. John 16:22).

“Why do you seek the living among the dead?” (Luke 24:5)

This Easter invites us to turn away from the tomb and encounter the Living Christ, who has come to give us life in abundance (cf. John 10:10). He is truly alive among us—in the Eucharist we celebrate, in the Word we proclaim, in the people we serve, and in the fraternal life we cherish.

Faithful to the legacy of our founding fathers, let us rediscover our call to be communities of *Besrauma*—radiating the joy of the Risen Lord through prayer, fraternity, and mission.

Let our lives boldly proclaim: Christ is alive and walks with us—  
as the Stranger on the road to Emmaus (cf. Luke 24:15–16),  
as the Gardener who calls us by name (cf. John 20:15–16),  
as the One who shows His wounds (cf. John 20:27),  
as the Lord who breaks bread for the hungry (cf. Luke 24:30–31),  
as the Consoler of the weeping (cf. John 20:13–15),  
and as the Master who prepares a table for His disciples (cf. John 21:12–13).

He continues to strengthen and send us forth, to carry His Easter joy to the ends of the earth (cf. Acts 1:8).

As we journey towards our bicentenary, let us renew our commitment to:

#### 1. Renew and Nurture our Interior Life

Deepen our *Besrauma* experience—the CMI way of life—rooted in prayer, reflection, and the pursuit of holiness.

#### 2. Journey Together

Strengthen our fraternal bonds, walking together as a community that joyfully witnesses to Christ.

#### 3. Serve with Compassion

Embrace simplicity of life, fostering love, justice, and care for the poor and for creation.

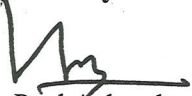
#### 4. Mission with Passion

Go forth with courage to reach out to the scattered, bringing hope and the living presence of Christ.

Dear brothers, let us not seek the Living among the dead, but encounter Him anew in the living realities of our vocation. Let us not be afraid—He has gone ahead of us into the “Galilee” of our lives. He is Emmanuel—God with us—walking beside us, strengthening us, and leading us forward in hope.

Wishing you all a grace-filled and joyful Easter!

Fraternally in the Risen Lord,

  
Fr. Paul Achandy, CMI  
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