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Dear members of the CMI Fraternity,

Christ is risen, Alleluia!

With this proclamation, let me wish you all the joy and peace of the great feast of Easter. On this day we proclaim that He, the Lord of our life, is "the resurrection and the life" of the world (Jn 11:25).

May this great day remind us always that we are not alone: Jesus, the Living One, is with us, forever. *Christòs anesti!* – "Christ is risen; he is truly risen!" This is the traditional proclamation we make during the Easter Liturgy and, the word "truly" reminds us that our hope is not an illusion, but the truth!

The Gospels narrate the reaction of those who were witnesses of this great event. We find them in a haste with which, they rushed to share the joy of Easter with the other (Mt 28:8; Jn 20:2; Lk 24:33; Jn 21:7). At Easter, our journey quickens since we are clear of the goal of our journey, the meaning of our life, Jesus Christ, and are therefore, called to make haste to meet him, who is the hope of the world.

This hope should enable us to overcome all the hurdles that come on our journey on this earth. The same amazing experience of joy that the women at the tomb and the disciples had in meeting the Risen Lord, should fill our hearts and minds to surmount all conflicts and divisions, misunderstanding and feelings of anxiety, anger and disappointment which otherwise, will remain as a stumbling block to meet the Risen Lord.

Let us remember and pray for our country which is preparing for the election in the coming days and weeks. Let us pray that the people get the grace and courage to have the right discernment to elect their representatives who will uphold the values and rights envisaged in our Indian constitution and lead the nation on the right path of growth and development.

Once again wishing you all the Easter Joy and Peace,

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