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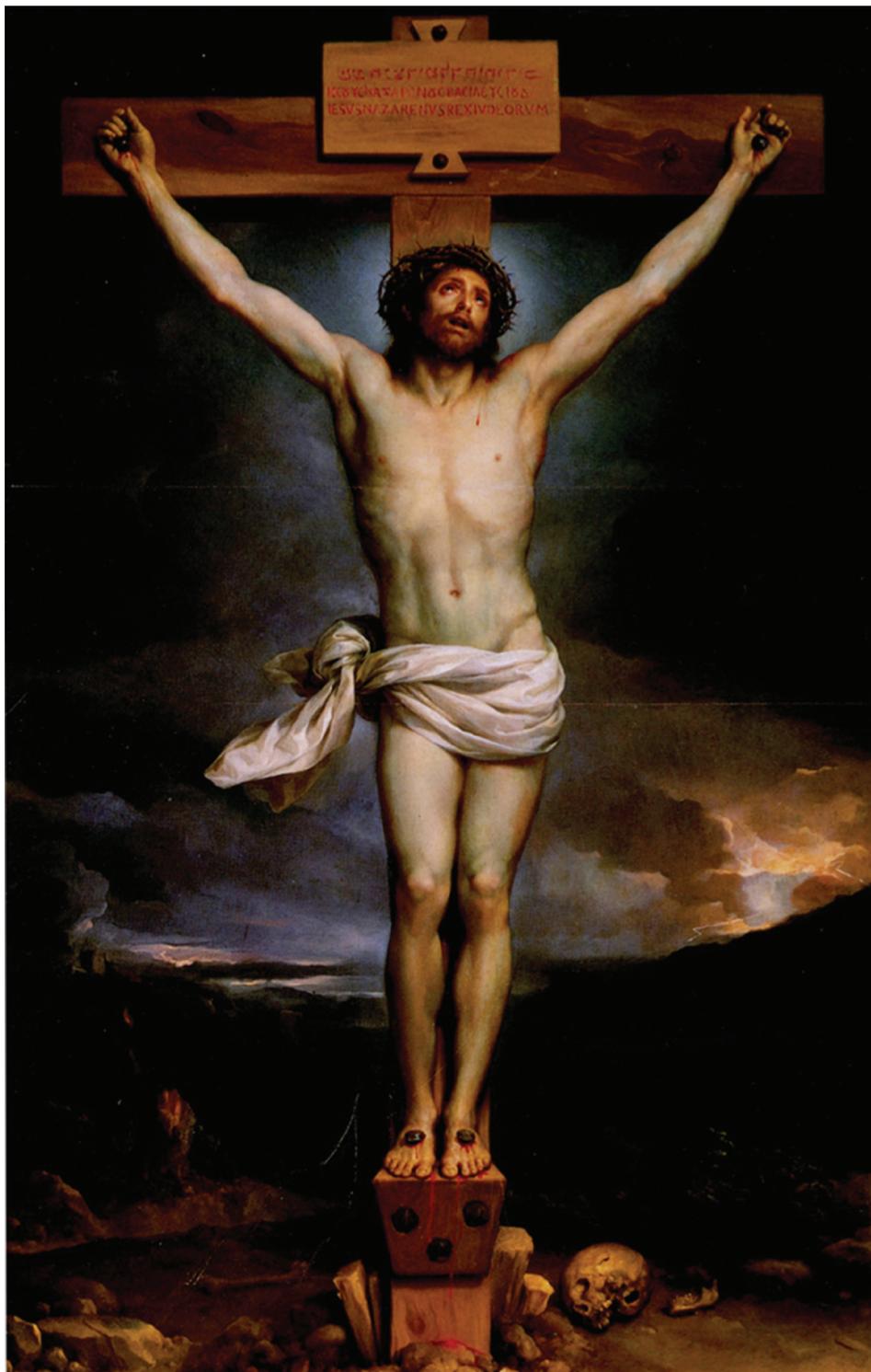
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# Good Friday...I THIRST FOR YOU – Just you, as you are!

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As we are observing Good Friday on April 15, 2022, let us meditate upon the teachings of St. Mother Theresa, who experienced and heard inner voice of the Lord as she was pondering about her special call to serve the poor. She reflects the profound thirst of God for souls “ All I ask of you is that you entrust yourself to Me completely. I will do all the rest. Now, I behold the place My Father has prepared for you in My Kingdom. Remember that you are a pilgrim in this life traveling back home. Sin can never satisfy you, or bring the peace you seek. All that you have sought outside of Me has only left you more empty, so do not tie yourself to the things of this world; above all, do not run from Me when you fall. Come to Me without delay because, when you give Me your sins, you give Me the joy of being your Savior. There is nothing I cannot forgive and heal; so come now, and unburden your soul. No matter how far you have strayed without a destination, no matter how often you have forgotten Me, no matter how many crosses you bear in this life; I want you to always remember, one thing that will never change. I THIRST FOR YOU – just, you as you are.”



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On behalf of our Diocese and Rev. Msgr. Kieran E. Harrington the National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States, I would like to thank you for your prayers, sacrifices and financial support for the missions.

## Lenten Journey 2022...

In the Gospel, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news” (Mk 1: 14-15). It is the time to pay more attention to examining our lives, praying very often, practicing frequent fasting and doing works of charity. We are pilgrims on earth until we reach heaven. Let our Lenten observance make us journey towards heaven. Let us open our minds and hearts to hear the Word of God during this special penitential season through the prophet Joel:

Return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, weeping, and mourning. Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God, For he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting in punishment. Perhaps he will again relent and leave behind a blessing Grain offering and libation for the LORD, your God.

Blow the horn in Zion! Proclaim a fast, call an assembly! Gather the people, sanctify the congregation; Assemble the elderly; gather the children, even infants nursing at the breast; Let the bride room leave his room, and the bride her bridal tent. between the porch and the altar let the priests weep, let the ministers of the LORD weep and say:

**“Spare your people, LORD!**

*(Joel 2;12-17)*



## EASTER MESSAGE!

As we celebrate Easter on April 17th, 2022 and it reminds us that Love of God never changes. Jesus is alive. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. Jesus is the beacon of our hope to get into heaven which is the goal and happiness of our earthly life. As Jesus is, The Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end” (Rev 22:13).

We can rejoice upon Jesus’ resurrection and our redemption. Jesus opened Paradise for all, every single soul deserves it by believing in Christ and accepting Him as the Savior and Lord of his/her life. Pope Francis told his global audience that because of the resurrection of Jesus, “tonight we acquire a fundamental right

that can never be taken away from us: the right to hope” (Pope Francis, April 11, 2020). We desperately need to hope in God because He is the only refuge that we can rely on in our darkest and fearful situations.

Many are hopeless and finding hope in harmful and meaningless materials, when life becomes a challenge or cannot move further. Always remember: Jesus told us that “I Am with you always” (Mt; 28-20). Our Risen Christ, is always with us who is our redeemer! Every single soul who is baptized in Christ belongs to Him.

Let us rejoice and be glad on this day of Resurrection, Easter Sunday. Jesus is Alive! Jesus is Risen, Alleluia! Alleluia!



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