

**Dear Sisters and Brothers,**

We continue to bask in the joy of the Easter season as we begin the month of April. The weeks following Easter are a graced opportunity to deepen the shared sense of how our baptismal identity culminates in the resurrection. As baptized people, we have been called to accompany Jesus on the universal journey through temptation, trial, suffering and self-emptying that leads to full human maturity and real spiritual breakthrough.

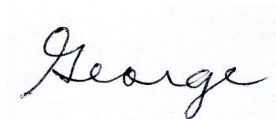
We don't just believe *in* Easter; we *are* Easter people. We are those who proclaim and live the freedom that results from having overcome the fear of death.

There is no service we cannot perform, no act of courage on behalf of others we need shrink from. Jesus has already crossed every threshold ahead of us, showing that death is powerless to stop those committed to love. By keeping our eyes on Jesus and on the prize of a world transformed by his justice, we live Easter now.

As we journey through these Easter days, there are a number of special days of celebration, which are described in the attachment to this e-mail.

May the witness of those who have gone before us, especially in our Marianist Family, give us the courage to stoke the fires within to continue the process of transforming and healing the world!

Affectionately,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

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