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A WORD FROM OUR PROVINCIAL

My Dear Brothers in Christ,

The Lord give you peace!

In the words of Saint John Paul II, “*We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!*” As we come to more fully understand the meaning of Easter in our lives, then we become more and more people of hope! Hope is the answer to our question, “What does Easter mean?” Hope is so much more than being optimistic. Hope is the awareness of our complete dependence on our loving Creator Who loves us, protects us, and is ever with us. Hope is the understanding that with God all things are truly possible. To the rest of the world, dependence often has a negative connotation, suggesting a limitation, or a loss of freedom, or a lack of individuality. As Easter people, we believe that hope goes hand-in-hand with charity and love. Through our faith, and through our lives as consecrated religious, we become more open to God and experiencing His love. Such profound love should inspire in us loving and patient acts of service to one another as we become ministers of hope for one another. Easter is not merely an historic event we recall and retell; it is our way of life. That way of life is the way of hope.

My brothers, throughout this beautiful Eastertide season, listen for the messages of hope that permeate the Gospel readings each day. May our hope be strengthened and stir in us the desire to share that hope with others—especially with each other. Together, let us sing, “*Alleluia!*”



Art
&
Music
Festival



Saint Josaphat School





Mary, Mother of God Parish





Basilica of Saint Josaphat

Right: First Holy Communion
Below: Welcome to Fr. Ciprian at the friary



Upcoming Events

May 30, Tuesday: Last day for current Postulancy class

June 8, Thursday: Definitory Meeting at St. Bonaventure Friary

June 30, Friday: New Postulants arrive

July 15, Saturday: Eric Rewa professes temporary vows at Marytown during noon Mass

August 12, Saturday: Kolbe awards at Marytown

(Awardees: Fr. Bernard Geiger and Br. Martin Schmitz)

August 17, Thursday: Definitory Meeting at St. Bonaventure Friary

October 7, Saturday: St. Josaphat Basilica Foundation Loaves and Fishes Gala (location TBD)

October 12, Thursday: Definitory Meeting via Zoom

December 5, Tuesday: Definitory Meeting at St. Bonaventure Friary

December 11-15, Monday-Friday: Province Retreat at Marytown

O Lord Jesus,
through You I humbly beg the merciful Father
to send the Holy Spirit of grace,
that He may bestow upon us His sevenfold gifts.

May He send us the gift of WISDOM,
which will make us relish the Tree of Life
that is none other than Yourself;
the gift of UNDERSTANDING,
which will enlighten us;
the gift of COUNSEL,
which will guide us in the way of righteousness;
and the gift of FORTITUDE,
which will give us the strength to vanquish
the enemies of our sanctification and salvation

May He impart to us the gift of KNOWLEDGE,
which will enable us to discern Your teaching
and distinguish good from evil;
the gift of PIETY,
which will make us enjoy true peace;
and the gift of FEAR,
which will make us shun all iniquity
and avoid all danger of offending Your Majesty.

To the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit
be given all glory and thanksgiving forever.
Amen.

