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Resurrection



Dear Friends, Benefactors, Associates and Sisters,

As I write this Easter greeting we are in the beginning days of the sufferings brought on by the COVID-19 virus. One can't even imagine what other sufferings might have been experienced by each of you by the time you are reading this. Lent has become very real and close to the skin. This real suffering is actually something we have already known, especially those of us who have lived a few decades and come to know that suffering just is. It comes without us seeking it out; it accompanies great love.

These days in which I'm writing are also the beginning of spring, a reminder of another deeply known experience—RESURRECTION—which also just is. It comes after a blizzard and the crocuses are revived from under the heavy snow. It comes when a fever breaks and the body's defenses finally begin to calm and rest. It comes after the death of a loved one when we are wrapped in vivid dreams of their now-resurrected being.

I don't know what you may have suffered or may be suffering from this virus. I don't know how this virus may have touched you and/or your loved ones personally. I do know that this Easter Rising IS and WILL BE all around you. I also know that our concepts of solidarity and compassion are being widened and stretched. We are now—globally—all in this together. I wonder what new perspectives and resurrected insights will have come to light in the wake of this pandemic ...

With Mary Magdalene at the tomb, may we have eyes to see.

In endless faith, hope and love, we are your
Sisters of St. Francis

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