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## EASTER GREETINGS TO THE BROTHERS, SISTERS AND LAITY OF THE ORDER AND OF OUR AUGUSTINIAN FAMILY.

Dear brothers and sisters:

At the conclusion of Holy Week with the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Lord's Easter, I want to send you greetings on behalf of the entire General Council, hoping that the Life that the Risen Lord brings to us is the reason inspires us.

This year, by celebrating the institution of the Eucharist and the day of fraternal love on Holy Thursday, which nurtures the possibility of a communion deep in the heart of all humanity, the sadness and pain caused by the pandemic begins to become important moments of hope. A greater collaboration between all and a greater faith in the infinite love of God is necessary.

Through this total compassion of God for us, his fragile and powerless children, and his forgiveness of our weaknesses, we were able to experience deeply on Good Friday, when Jesus was condemned to death and executed on the cross. Our Father Saint Augustine says: "with his death, the only true sacrifice offered for us, everything that was guilty in us and that gave the principalities and powers the right to force us to expiate with suffering, he has cleansed it, abolished it. and extinguished it, and with his resurrection he has called us, the predestined, to a new life and he has called us, he has justified us, he has glorified us" (Saint Augustine, De Trinitate 4,13,17). In Him, what resembles a tragedy, has an inverse meaning and is full of light, which helps us to read the shadows and troubles of human nature. And this is how the Lamb that is taken to the slaughter will give life to everything that was dead due to sin.

Today, each one of us, as we celebrate Easter, the resurrection of the Son of God, we are going to be witnesses of this Light that illuminates every human being. Witnesses by faith of the resurrection that God works in his Son. We too, like the disciples, are called to a new life. So, let us not let death and pessimism invade us, even in this difficult time. Let us try to share the experience of life in our communities and places of meeting and mission. We understand that, as pilgrims to the promised Homeland, although physical death may enter our earthly lives and cause us concern, this death has changed its meaning and has been defeated, giving way to the life that awaits us with God.

A Blessed and Happy Easter to everyone,

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A fraternal greeting,

San Matteo, April 03, 2021

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