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Easter Message from Bishop Michael McCarthy

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ

In 2020 Easter Sunday was celebrated in lockdown. A few of us gathered, cameras were rolling and all our people were gathered in their homes to watch as we celebrated Mass in our empty Cathedrals and Churches. It was not unlike the day of Resurrection in Jerusalem, two millennia ago, when the visitors came and saw the empty tomb and bandages. The message was, "He has Risen. He is not here. He is Alive. Christ Lives!"

During the lockdown last year, we discovered how Christ lives in the hearts and in the homes of our people. Easter is about the Risen Christ and how many of us during the time of lockdown reached out to family, friends and neighbours. It was a very special time.

This year, we will gather in our Cathedrals and Churches and celebrate again Christ who Lives, Christ who walks with us. As the Risen Christ was able to walk through the walls of those who gathered in the upper room waiting for the Holy Spirit, may Christ walk through our walls so we can experience the warmth of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Let us go forward as confident disciples of the Risen Lord, co-responsible with Him in Mission, as we make His name known as the risen Christ who walks with us.

God Bless and happy Easter. Christ Lives!

Yours sincerely

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