



“Christ Our Lord is Risen Today”

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Nations and peoples throughout time and around the world have followed the teachings and instructions of a few good and holy persons. Their interpretation and adherence to the teachings of such leaders have affected the course of history in many ways, both positive and negative. To follow a great teacher, prophet, religious leader — is to also receive their reward (Matthew 10: 41). Where have they been leading their disciples? Whom have the leaders been following? Christ Jesus is priest and prophet to many; He is however, Lord and Savior of us all — *Emmanuel*, “God with us” (Isaiah 7: 14, Matthew 1: 23). If Christ had not risen from the dead, would we be Christians? Would YOU be a Christian?

When He walked among us, Jesus healed and raised others from the dead and He did what no other could do: to rise from the dead Himself. This is the One whom we follow, the one who claims us as His own and as a treasure (John 17: 6-26). He leads and guides us by word and deed, not to someone else, but to Himself (John 6: 67-68). He is the One and the Way to our true home (John 14: 6).

We are a Resurrection People! Be uplifted by *The Paschal Experience* — Holy Week, the Sacred Triduum and Easter. Join with us as one family gathered in faith and prayer. Though the experience of each of us is uniquely personal, it is the physical and spiritual presence shared and multiplied that opens the hearts of those gathered to the burning reality of the fire of the Holy Spirit. These forty days of Lent and beyond are filled with opportunities for holy encounter. Please see the information on the reverse-side of this letter and allow it to be your spiritual roadmap from Lent through Easter. Visit our parish website, any time of the day or night, for all that is happening here at the Church of the Sacred Heart. May we journey and pray together, confident that in Christ, salvation is ours.

With you in the peace of Christ,

Handwritten signature of Fr. John P. Alvarado in blue ink.

Rev. John P. Alvarado