



INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF CATHOLIC KNIGHTS

Apostles of the Third Millennium

EASTER MESSAGE 2026

“Christ Our Peace: Called to Build a World of Love, Justice, and Reconciliation”

Dear Brothers in Christ,

“He is not here; He has risen, just as He said” (*Matthew 28:6*).

With profound joy and renewed hope, I extend warm Easter greetings to all members of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights (IACK) across the world. The celebration of Easter stands at the very heart of our Christian faith, for it proclaims the victory of life over death, light over darkness, and peace over conflict. The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is not only a historical event but a living reality that continues to transform humanity and renew the face of the earth.

Easter is, above all, the triumph of peace. When the Risen Lord appeared to His disciples, His first words were: **“Peace be with you”** (*John 20:19*). This greeting was not accidental; it was a profound declaration that through His death and resurrection, Christ has reconciled humanity with God and restored the possibility of harmony among peoples. The peace of Christ is deeper than the absence of war—it is the fullness of life rooted in justice, truth, love, and reconciliation.

In our contemporary world, however, this peace is gravely threatened. Conflicts and tensions persist among nations, including those involving major global powers such as Iran and the United States, as well as the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine. These realities bring untold suffering, displacement, and loss of human dignity. In the face of such turmoil, Easter offers a powerful reminder that peace is not only necessary but possible, because Christ is risen.

As members of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights, we are called to be more than observers of world events; we are called to be active agents of Christ’s peace. The words of Scripture challenge us: **“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God”** (*Matthew 5:9*), and again, **“If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all”** (*Romans 12:18*). Our identity as Catholic Knights—rooted in charity, unity, fraternity, and service—places upon us a sacred responsibility to contribute meaningfully to the building of a peaceful world.

The empty tomb, therefore, is not merely a sign of Christ’s victory; it is also a mission entrusted to us. We are sent forth to heal broken relationships, to restore hope to the discouraged, to defend the dignity of every human person, and to promote justice wherever injustice prevails. True peace begins in the human heart. When hearts are transformed by the grace of the Risen Christ, families are renewed, communities are strengthened, and nations can find the path to reconciliation.

In practical terms, this mission begins at the most immediate level. In our families, we are called to foster forgiveness, patience, and mutual understanding. In our parishes, we must promote unity, support the clergy, and actively participate in the liturgical and pastoral life of the Church. In society, we are to stand as voices of reason and reconciliation, rejecting violence and all forms of injustice. Through acts of charity—reaching out to the poor, the sick, the marginalized, and the imprisoned—we make visible the compassionate love of Christ (*cf. Matthew 25:35–40*). Above all, we must remain



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people of prayer, constantly interceding for peace in our world and trusting in God's power to transform even the most hardened hearts (*cf. Philippians 4:6-7*).

In a special way, we are called to support the mission of the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, who tirelessly appeals for peace, dialogue, and reconciliation among nations. His voice echoes the cry of the Church and of all humanity: that war must cease and that dialogue must prevail over violence. As Catholic Knights, our solidarity with the Pope must be both spiritual and practical.

We support him first through intense and constant prayer, offering Rosaries, Holy Hours, and Mass intentions for peace in conflict zones such as Eastern Europe and the Middle East. We are also called to promote a culture of dialogue, encouraging peaceful conversations within our communities and fostering unity across political, ethnic, and religious divides. In addition, we must support humanitarian efforts, contributing to the work of Catholic relief agencies and extending assistance to refugees and victims of war.

Furthermore, we are invited to become advocates for peace and justice by using our voices responsibly in society, rejecting misinformation and hatred, and encouraging leaders to pursue diplomatic solutions rather than armed conflict. Our sacrifices—fasting, self-denial, and acts of reparation—should be offered for the conversion of hearts and the restoration of peace in the world. By deepening our understanding of Catholic social teaching, we become better equipped to address the moral and ethical challenges of war and peace. In all these ways, we actively participate in the Church's mission of reconciliation and contribute to global efforts toward harmony and unity.

Dear Brothers, Easter is not simply a message to be proclaimed; it is a life to be lived. We are called to rise with Christ—from hatred to love, from division to unity, from despair to hope, and from conflict to peace. Our world today stands in great need of witnesses who embody the values of the Gospel and who are committed to building a civilization of love.

As we celebrate this great feast, may the Risen Christ, the Prince of Peace (*cf. Isaiah 9:6*), strengthen us in our vocation as Catholic Knights. May He guide our thoughts, inspire our actions, and make us instruments of His peace in every corner of the world.

Happy and Blessed Easter to you all and your families.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

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