



# Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants

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### *Easter Message - 2015*



Dear Rev. Fathers, Rev. Sisters, brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord!

Syro-Malabar Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants wishes you A Happy Easter!

Easter, the central event of our Christian life, proclaims that Jesus has conquered all forms of evil and death, and He lives eternally. Evil is conquered not by another evil, but by goodness; death is conquered not by sacrificing other lives, but by sacrificing one's own life. Jesus won the world not by imposing his power on people but by serving them, by washing their feet. He loved all, even when they stood against him. In front of the self-sacrificing love of Jesus, the world threw itself into his feet. "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil. 2: 5-11)

With the resurrected Jesus, we are called to love all people, both good and bad, but never their evil deeds. We need to be people of Resurrection! Evil and death are to be conquered by self-sacrifice. The world and everyone in this world are to be won by self-sacrificing love. This message is to be lived in our families, communities and in the contemporary world. If we truly desire lasting peace for ourselves and for the world, we need to imbibe the message of the cross of Jesus, which culminates in His resurrection and with Him in our own resurrection.

May our Easter Greetings and celebrations bring the message of Peace which the Risen Lord gave to the First Christian Community of believers.

Yours in our Lord,



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