



## Easter Message 2025

*“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen” (Lk 24:5).*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Diocese of Peterborough,

The celebrations of Holy Week and Easter, when we commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord, are the high point of the Christian year. This is always true, and even more so in this Jubilee Year with its theme that calls us to be “Pilgrims of Hope.”

A pilgrim is someone who journeys to a holy place and hope is the virtue that keeps us focused on the final goal of our lives. As Christians, we are people who journey in this life, treasuring every blessing, contending with challenges, all the while keeping our eyes fixed beyond, to the life that does not end. In his letter announcing the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis wrote, “The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope.” The reality of death is a painful one yet, because of the grace of the risen Christ, shared with us in baptism, we trust that “life is changed not ended.”

There are many things that distract us on our journey through life and we face challenges that may weaken our hope. No one is immune to the realities of sickness, death, economic uncertainty or family strife. Yet the great Easter mystery of the risen Christ instills in us a hope that can never be extinguished. As the Holy Father notes, it is this hope that “makes us rise above our trials and difficulties, and inspires us to keep pressing forward, never losing sight of the grandeur of the heavenly goal to which we have been called.”

May the celebrations of this holy season instill in us the grace of God which enables us to journey as Pilgrims of Hope and share that hope with others. I pray that God may bless you and your loved ones richly throughout this Jubilee Year.

**Yours in Christ,**

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