



United Independent Catholic Church

Office of the Presiding Bishop

Populus qui habitat in tenebris, vidit lucem magnam

Dear Friends:

The people who live in darkness have seen a great light and those who dwell in endless gloom a light has shown. At this time we may seem to live in darkness with the world being turned upside-down. We do not know the future and it frightens us. I have talked to a number of my friends and they are in terror. In my own brokenness I could not give them the comfort that they desperately need. Like many of you I feel like I am in darkness with no one to whom I can go to for peace. Our journey is a bleak and lifeless walk into more darkness. However, the Prophet Isaiah tells us to

climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths. "For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

It is from the holy mountain of God, where he instructs us, that we are given to the tools to change the path of our journey to move into the light of faith. But, do we dare climb out of our darkness and seek what is right? Do we dare trust in the promises that the prophets made to us regarding God in the world? Isaiah continues to tell us that Our Savior

shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips.

God has never lost faith with us. He calls us to trust in his promises and to be a people of faith walking in light. I understand only too well and fears that are with us now. However this is the time for us to cry ***Lord, come and save us***; rescue us from our fears. Let us own that ***The LORD God keeps faith forever, and secures justice for the oppressed.*** However, while God, Our Father, keeps faith with us, we must keep faith with Him and his elect. We have our part to play in this drama called life. When we are able to move from darkness to light we begin to bring hope to our world of darkness. Yet, we have to be patient until the coming of the Lord and make hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Until that time when the Lord returns we are to be the bearers of the light and be the bearers of the Word that does dwell among us.

My dearest friends, I entreat you to trust in the good things that God has in store for us. Let us not stay in darkness, but be the people of light. God is with us and he will always be with us. Let us wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ and the peace that he brings!

Sincerely,

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