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Dear Friend of La Salette,

A late Easter allows this April letter to focus on the coming sacred days of Holy Week and Eastertide. With our efforts in prayer and preparation during the Lenten season (and a generous dose of God's merciful grace), we have attempted in some small way to detach ourselves from sinful habits, and even distracting obstacles, in order to foster a greater spiritual life in faith, hopefully leading to a deeper knowledge and love of Our Lord and Savior. The ultimate reason for all our actions, but most especially those of prayer and penance, is in the words of the Liturgy - *amare coelestia* (to love the heavenly things).

We were made by God, and we were made for God, our very being echoing His image and likeness. Our Heavenly Father has not prepared some humble dwelling; no, for those who love Him, He has prepared a fitting place, an eternal mansion. Within this mansion our All-Knowing and All-Loving Father has further prepared a great feast, a marriage celebration for His Divine Son, and *WE* from the highways and byways have been invited. He desires us as guests, as witnesses, as partakers, as friends at the Banquet. Whatever efforts have been made to date, let us double and re-double them in these sacred days to come. None shall go unrewarded, since even a cup of water given in His name shall be abundantly blessed.

*Fidelis Dominus in omnibus verbis suis* cries the Psalmist. Faithful is the Lord in all His promises; and His will, His word, His promise is our salvation, our eternal happiness. For our part, we simply must open the door to His knock, our ears to His voice, our eyes to His work, our hearts to His love, our arms to His embrace. Thankfully, however, not upon our meager efforts does this glory depend, but rather upon the strength of God, eternally faithful, bestowing a peace and joy which this poor world simply cannot give.



*We adore thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.*

*Because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.*

Sincerely in Christ the King,

Father Michael McMahon