



La Carta

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Dearest Fathers and Brothers,

Peace be with you! I am joyfully sending these greetings to you all for a Blessed and Happy Easter! I was truly blessed to be able to get to visit some of our communities and Fathers in Tanzania, Nairobi and Goma. I truly wish I could have visited all our houses in the DRC, but unfortunately due to the risky situation, I was only able to reach Goma.

I felt truly blessed when I met and embraced and spent time with our brothers in the Seminary. I was also overjoyed to participate in the ordination of our brothers. What a beautiful gift from God. Even during these very depressing times in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, we found time for joy as we shared our common vocation as Clerics Regular Minor.

In the DRC, the People of God and our brothers are really suffering with political and chaotic situations, but one thing is evident, they are strong, courageous and dedicated to bring the Gospel in the midst of the people. Let us continue to support them with our prayers, thoughts, love and in any way that will help them get through in everyday situation.

Easter is upon us. We hope truly to live this season which is at the core of our Christian Faith. This season wipes away all fears and condemnation due to sin. Jesus rose from the dead and “emptied” the tomb so we may not find ourselves there but in our daily encounter with him in life. Let us courageously empty the tombs of our life, where at times we find our wicked selves buried due to sin. Jesus died for us and took us by our hands so we may have new life, springing with hope and filled with joy. The Friday of sorrow is over, we are in the paschal-tide and may our attitude in every way be a paschal encounter with one another. May we be free from discord, judgment, and bitterness and full of life. Like Lazarus, Jesus calls us out from our tombs and encourages us to live this life to the fullest, enveloped in his grace. The quality of our life depends on our daily choices, whether we stay and get stuck in our daily tombs, or we rise with Jesus and share the eucharist with others in lifegiving and joyful ways.



As I write this letter, I am on my way to India to be present there for various occasion. These upcoming days we have solemn profession, Blessing of the chapel and the Ordination to Diaconate. Please include our brothers who will be professing their vows to be truly sincere in receiving the gift of this vocation. Let us welcome them in our religious family.

I am also happy to announce that our brothers in the Philippines will be ordained to the Priesthood on May 1st. I will be there after India. I wish to spend some time with my mother whom I have not seen for almost 2 years. God bless her as she dedicates herself to pray for all of us.

While in India and the Philippines I will engage our brothers to synodality. We will plan, dream and pray together for our present and future endeavors as an Order. We need to spend quality time in prayers and community activities. May God bless us as we continue to grow as a religious family. May our identity, our family, our charism be always faithfully lived all the days of our lives.

May God bless you all and please remember me in your prayers.

Father Ted