

Easter 2025

«I will tell you beautiful things!»

Dear members of the Orionine Charismatic Family,

We celebrate this Easter 2025 with hearts filled with the joy of the Resurrection, embracing the words and spirit of our Founder, Saint Luigi Orione, who, back in April 1936 while in Latin America, wished “*peace*” and the “*joys and delights of the Resurrection*” to “*the Religious men and women of the Little Work; to Friends, Benefactors; to our dear former and current Pupils*” and “*to all our Poor who live in the Houses of the Congregation, under the wings of Divine Providence.*”

During the latest meeting of our Council, we read and reflected upon a text in which he exhorts us to “*live Christ and help the whole world live of Christ,*” because “*outside of Him there is no life, nor any consolation that is worth anything.*” Therefore, “*...may Christ rise again in us, if ever we have faltered along the way: may He live in us with His grace, and may we live in Him and of Him!*”

Don Orione’s promise resounds with particular intensity today: “*I will tell you many beautiful things*”, and later in the same message: “*Oh! How many things I have to tell you!*” It is a commitment destined for the future, a promise that continues to be fulfilled because he still works today through so many of his sons and daughters, in countless works and activities that bear His name. These are words filled with hope and trust in Divine Providence, reminding us that the Easter event provokes such an inner dynamism that urges us to see and recount the beauty that flows from the Resurrection.

This means:

- living one’s faith in a vibrant and contagious way, being a leaven of hope in the environments where we serve, warming hearts with charity and trust in God, especially within our Communities;
- living in an authentic relationship with the Risen Lord and sharing it with others not just through words, but through life itself, showing how Christ transforms existence and opens the way to “new heavens” and “new horizons”;
- adopting a life attitude of seeking and recognising the sprouts of goodness, works of charity, acts of hope, and the blossoming of grace even in the most difficult situations, and being able to “tell the story” of these to build up and encourage others;
- humbly accepting our own fragilities, trusting that it is in our weakness that God’s strength is revealed;
- loving and serving Christ present in the neediest brothers and sisters, seeing in them the face of the Risen Lord and bearing witness through service to the transforming power of charity.

Finally, dear brothers and sisters, our mission today does not require elaborate strategic plans, but a deep experience of Christ. Just as Don Orione offered his personal experience of Jesus, so we are called to bear witness that the answer is not ourselves, but Christ Himself.

Therefore, let us ask the Lord to help us live this Easter with the sentiments of Don Orione, living Christ and helping one another to live entirely of Christ.

May the light of the Risen Christ illuminate our path, “gladden and sanctify our entire lives! May this Holy Easter bring about a marvellous spiritual renewal in us, and transfigure us in Christ. May the blessing of the Lord descend abundantly upon you and your loved ones, and be a blessing great, great, great, like the Heart of God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!”

A happy and holy Easter to all!

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