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EASTER MESSAGE

God created light and order in the world; sin brought darkness and disorder. Adam, Cain, Babel. God's chosen people sinned and repeatedly broke the covenant and were punished. Jesus, the Light of the World, came to restore order and to bring new life; to do that he had to pass through death and rise to new life. Yet sin continues and disorder refuses to go away. Governments, police and armies endeavour to restore law and order, but they fight a losing battle. Wars rage, innocent victims die or are maimed,

corruption is found in high places, crime fills our newspapers. While good people sacrifice themselves to spread the light of Christ, many prefer darkness to light. We believe that Jesus is God. Can God not restore order? Was Jesus' death futile? Jesus died in his physical body, but until we, his Mystical Body, die and rise to new life, disorder and sin will reign. Is there an answer to it all?

Only when all hearts turn towards Christ, our Light, and listen to his cry and die to sin will order return to the world. To celebrate Easter is to die to sin and to walk in the Light of Christ. *Fr Eugene Hennessy SDB RIP*

Congratulations to the new Rector Major

The 16 February was the start of the 28th General Chapter (GC28) of the Salesian Congregation: the main sign of the unity of the Congregation in its multiple diversity, the fraternal meeting in which Salesians carry out community reflection, the body that holds the supreme authority in the Society. Over 240 Capitulars will be busy at the Mother House of the Congregation in Turin-Valdocco to answer the Chapter's guiding question: "Which Salesians for today's young people?" During this Chapter the Salesian Congregation renewed the mandate of Rector Major to the standing Rector Major, namely Father Ángel Fernández Artime for 2020-2026. The election was decided at the first round of voting. The chapter concluded 14 March.



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