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Living Catholic in the 808: The Fulfillment of Our Hope

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The road to the Tomb must pass through Calvary. There is no Resurrection without the Cross. The meaning of the Resurrection is largely defined by the suffering and death of Jesus Christ.

Easter speaks of hope. “It is important to know that I can always continue to hope, even if in my own life, or the historical period in which I am living, there seems to be nothing left to hope for... It is not by sidestepping or fleeing from suffering that we are healed, but rather by our capacity for accepting it, maturing through it and finding meaning through union with Christ, who suffered with infinite love” (Pope Benedict XVI, *Spe Salvi*, 35,37).

The resurrection of Jesus is the fulfillment of our hopes: that goodness is stronger than evil; that love and mercy are more powerful than hatred and violence; and that all of our lives and dreams are not, in the end, swallowed up by death.

And Easter speaks gently to any pains that plague you. Whatever you lament, whatever weighs you down, Easter says, “It will not always be this way for you. Jesus has risen! He is alive in this world! Through your Baptism, through the Eucharist, through the community, Jesus is alive in your heart!”